

To all General Practitioners

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This note is to highlight Fit for Work, which is a country-wide, free Government service aimed at supporting people back into work. [GP practices can now take advantage of this service](#) and refer patients directly to the service.

Fit for Work is specifically designed to offer expert and impartial work-related health advice, including access to an occupational health assessment, in this way helping almost one million employees who go on long-term sickness absence. This is also starting to [provide real examples](#) of how patients can be helped to return to work sooner.

It offers the opportunity for GPs to refer patients via a web link for an assessment once it becomes apparent that they are likely to be off work due to ill health for four weeks or more.

A referral will lead to a Return to Work Plan being produced which will provide advice to help your patient return to work. Fit for Work, which has been successfully piloted in parts of the country, is now available nationwide.

More details can be found at - The Fit for Work telephone advice line (0800 032 6235) and website www.fitforwork.org

For additional guidance, please visit www.gov.uk/government/collections/fit-for-work-guidance, also available a [GP Quick Reference Guide](#)

We would like to encourage you to make use of this service. Any feedback on your experience of Fit for Work will help to refine the service Fit for Work offers. We would be very grateful if you could find 5 minutes to visit the website and use the "[contact](#)

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[us](#)" link to share your views.

Yours sincerely

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