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Dear

**Your liver health check**

Your healthcare professional has enrolled you onto a screening programme to monitor your liver health. A liver health check can identify liver cancer before any symptoms appear/ This makes treatment simpler and more successful, for those who need it.

**What happens during the appointment?**

A liver health check involves an external ultrasound scan of the liver. This is a quick and painless test that takes around 15-30 minutes.

*“I send my patients for liver screening every six months, Liver scarring can be caused by a number of factors, but the most important thing is that any complications are caught early.”-Dr Vinod Sharma, GP*

**What to do before your scan**

You will need to **stop eating for six hours before the scan.** Please let us know if you think that will be a problem for any reason (for example, if you have diabetes). You can continue to drink water and take any medications as normal.

**What happens afterwards?**

If the ultrasound highlights any concerns, then we will arrange for you to have a follow up appointment to discuss your results.

**How do I get there?**

**We have booked the following appointment for you at Hammersmith Hospital for your liver health check:**

**Xpm on XX May 2024**

**Please call 020 XXXX XXXX if you need to change this appointment.**

XXX Hospital

XXX Address 1

XXX Address 2

XXX Address 3

For information about how to reach the hospital, please search “Find XXX Hospital” or call 020 XXXX XXXX.

You can find further information about liver screening at <https://livercanceruk.org/liver-cancer-information/types-of-liver-cancer/hcc/> or by contacting your healthcare professional.

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