(Insert date)

Dear (Insert doctor’s name)

I am a patient with ovarian cancer. According to NHS England policy E01/P/b, *Clinical Commissioning Policy: Genetic Testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 Mutations:*

“Genetic testing will be offered in specialist genetic clinics to a person with breast or ovarian cancer if their combined BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation carrier probability is 10% or more.”

Therefore, because my diagnosis automatically takes me over this threshold, I am eligible for genetic testing to find out whether or not I am a carrier.

I’m aware that having a BRCA1/2 gene mutation can raise risk of breast and ovarian cancer, and that it can impact on the treatment pathway of these diseases. I would like the opportunity to explore the options available to me in the event that I am a carrier of a BRCA1/2 gene mutation.

I would also like to find out my BRCA status so I can advise members of my family, who may also be affected.

According to NICE clinical guideline CG164 1.5.2, I should be offered genetic counselling prior to being tested.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you could refer me to a genetics counsellor as the next stage in the testing process.

Yours sincerely,

(Insert name)

**For more information, and a tailored CPD programme for general practitioners on ovarian cancer, please visit Ovarian Cancer Action’s website:** [**www.ovarian.org.uk/gps**](http://www.ovarian.org.uk/gps)