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Dear XX XXXXX,

### Registration Query - CRI

Thank you for your query regarding CRI and the services provided at the premises based in Newport, Cardiff, Merthyr, Vale of Glamorgan and Pontypridd.

We have considered the information that you have provided and concluded that the services provided at all five sites require registration with Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW). Each setting is required to register individually as an Independent Clinic under the Care Standards Act 2000.

To provide this service without being registered is an offence under Section 11 of the Care Standards Act 2000 for carrying on or managing an establishment without being registered.

HIW has contacted the Home Office, who have confirmed that you, CRI, currently hold a license for the five sites named above to dispense controlled drugs.

HIW has considered the risk posed by the services operating without being registered. HIW is aware that there are a large number of patients who are dependent on attending the clinics and receiving treatment and believes that it would not be in their best interests to stop these clinics from operating while an application is being processed. However, prior to reaching a final conclusion on this matter HIW urgently requires the following information:

- Confirmation that the doctors providing treatment are registered with the General Medical Council (GMC).
- A copy of your controlled drugs policy.

We would also ask that your application to register the five establishments be submitted as soon as possible.

A meeting has also been scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> August at the Welsh Government Offices in Merthyr Tydfil where we can discuss the situation and your application in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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