#### Standard letter from HCP for patient with COPD to give to landlord/council

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Insert date

Insert patient name and address

To whom it may concern

I am writing on behalf of the above patient and /or carer who attends the above service. This person lives with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and I am currently involved in their care for this problem.

As part of a holistic assessment of their care I have asked about their housing and explored whether there are any factors that may be resulting in worsening of their condition.

The patient reports the following housing related factors that can cause worsening of COPD (delete those that don’t apply):

* Overcrowding
* Mould
* An energy inefficient home combined with fuel poverty resulting in a cold home
* Damp
* Inadequate ventilation

COPD is a condition which requires a number of different treatments, however it is essential to optimise indoor air quality as part of the treatment approach.

I have encouraged the above-named patient and /or carer to engage with you to discuss a resolution of these housing related problems that could be impacting on their COPD.

Yours,

Name of HCP

This model letter template has been written by PCRS as a service to health practitioners in the UK who wish to advise and advocate for patients with respiratory illness with their local authority, housing association or private landlord where their patient’s housing may be a trigger for worsening of their condition. More information about how housing can impact on respiratory health can be found here {Link to relevant PCRS pages}