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Dear,

Re:

I write on behalf of the above named person, who has requested that we write to you to provide you with some information on borderline personality disorder (BPD). Please find this information enclosed titled 'The management of borderline personality disorder in primary care', which covers the following important aspects:

- *What is borderline personality disorder?*
- *How common is BPD?*
- *What can we do in primary care?*
- *Management in the surgery*
- *What if my patient is suicidal?*
- *A checklist*

I hope you find this information useful. You may also be aware of the government initiative to ensure that personality disorder is no longer a diagnosis of exclusion, and the associated document published in 2003. This highlights the Government's intentions for the delivery of personality disorder services within general mental health and forensic settings. A copy of this document can be found on the Department of Health website at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4009546

If you require any further information or would like to discuss any of the enclosed documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

BPDWORLD Team