



Dear GP,

As a firefighter and a patient at your surgery, I am writing to you to ask you to record my profession on my records.

My details are as follows:

Full name:

Date of birth:

Home address:

All NHS Scotland healthcare providers use read codes to capture clinical terms within electronic patient record systems. This is a similar system to England which use the SNOMED CT system.

Therefore, I ask for the following appropriate code be placed on my patient records (SONMED CT code also included for reference):

READ Codes: Firefighter: #0941.00

Occupational exposure to toxic agents: #ZV4C500

SONMED CT Codes: Firefighter: 106382009

Occupational exposure to toxic agents: 1609 057 1000 119 109

After thoroughly reviewing the available scientific literature, the World Health Organizations' International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified occupational exposure as a firefighter as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1), on the basis of sufficient evidence for cancer in humans.

This is supported by an ever-increasing raft of research, including the biomonitoring research study of UK firefighters, conducted by Professor Anna Stec and her team at the University of Central Lancashire and Lancashire Teaching Hospital. This work was commissioned by the Fire Brigades Union.

It has been identified that regular health monitoring and early detection can play a vital role in protecting the health and lives of firefighters.

I kindly ask for confirmation that the above steps have been completed.

Yours sincerely,