



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 healthcare providers in England must now use SNOMED CT for capturing clinical terms within electronic patient record systems. Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales also have programmes of work underway.

If the system is in use in this surgery, I ask for the following codes to be placed on my patient records:

Firefighter – 106382009

Occupational exposure to toxic agents – 1609 057 1000 119 109

If the surgery is in a region not currently using the SNOMED system, or utilises a different recording system, please update my records accordingly by other means.

After thoroughly reviewing the available scientific literature, the World Health Organisation's 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,