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We are writing this letter in response to your request for us to provide documentation regarding your fitness to participate in activity.... **COMPLETE AS APPROPRIATE**. Unfortunately, this is a service we are no longer able to provide.

There has been a recent court case in which it was found that a request to certify a patient as fit to participate in a sporting event was not correctly completed and the individual in question came to harm as a result. It was also found, as this was classed as private work, that it was not covered by the standard indemnity insurance and the practice in question was financially liable.

Previously, when requested, we have completed these requests to the best of our knowledge and ability, in the interest of facilitating our patients' participation in those activities they enjoy. However, we are General Practitioners, not specialist Occupational Health or Sports Medicine Physicians and as such may not fully appreciate all the nuances of certain conditions and how they affect certain activities.

Given it has been established that the practice would be held liable for this we feel that we can no longer offer this service. This includes but is not limited to: requests for fitness to travel, fitness to work abroad, and fitness to participate in sporting or recreational events.

We understand that this may be disappointing for you. If you wish to do so you can request a copy of your medical notes and take these to either the organiser for them to review, or you can engage the services of a Physician specialising in the appropriate area of medicine to provide a report on your fitness privately.

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Kell