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Dear Patient

You have requested Hepatitis B vaccination for occupational purposes, to be provided by your GP.

GPs do not have to provide an occupational health service as part of their NHS responsibility, nor can they provide the service even if it is funded by you.

Under Health and Safety regulations your employer has a duty to provide a safe working environment and therefore appropriate health advice for those at risk of infection with Hepatitis B.

We advise therefore that you contact your employer who will be able to make arrangements with an occupational health provider for the provision of any immunisation that you may require, following an appropriate assessment of the risk to which you are exposed.

In relation to healthcare students, it would be your medical school that has the duty of care to ensure that you are appropriately protected before the start of your course.

Yours faithfully

Seaside Medical Centre