

Dear **(Insert name of Member of Parliament)**

I’m writing to you as your constituent to highlight an urgent issue affecting **(me/my family).**

As you may be aware there is a critical medicines shortage that is currently affecting more than 60,000 people across the UK, including those with cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a rare genetic condition that affects over 11,000 people in the UK.

Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT) is a medicine that **(I/my child)** require**(s)** every day to replace digestive enzymes that people with CF aren’t able to make. Without PERT, **(I/my child) (am/is)** unable to absorb fats, proteins and carbohydrates, that are crucial for retaining a healthy weight. It also helps **(me/them)** control symptoms like bloating and loose stools.

**(insert personal information about the role PERT plays in your/your child’s life)**

Over the past nine months, there have been intermittent shortages of PERT across the UK which has made it difficult to get (my/my child’s) prescription fulfilled. **(insert personal information about the impact that shortages have had on you/your child).**

I have been told that these shortages will continue until at least 2026, which I find incredibly worrying.

Please can you write to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care and highlight this as an issue requiring urgent action?

If you have any questions, you can contact policy@cysticfibrosis.org.uk

Thank you in advance for all your help.

**(Name and postcode)**

**(It is important you include your postcode so that your MP/MSP/MLA/MS knows you are their constituent).**