

**Guidance for providing support letters for a student applying to the Crane Fund**

All applications to the University of Cambridge's Crane Fund (which provides financial assistance to enable students to access treatment) require the following supplementary information:

- A letter from the student's GP to confirm that they are aware of the treatment for which the student is seeking support.

Ordinarily, this letter should include a clinical diagnosis and explicit recommendation of the treatment for which the student is seeking support. However, if the student has received a clinical diagnosis from another suitably qualified professional who has recommended a course of treatment, this letter will be accepted alongside the letter from the GP.

Please note that the student's GP does not need to provide a bespoke letter for the application, a referral letter will be acceptable.

All letters should be dated within the last 3 months from the date of the student's application to the Fund.

In summary, the Distributors of the Fund have taken the approach that in terms of proper care, GPs should be aware of all treatments an individual is receiving.

**[Please see guidance below for further guidance:](#)**

**Clinical diagnosis**

Please confirm whether or not the student meets diagnostic criteria for a current diagnosis.

**Recommendation/referral**

Please provide a recommendation or referral for the treatment the student has been advised to receive to address their clinical diagnosis.