



# NSW Police Force

# NSW Police GP Referral Letter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please take this letter to your GP

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

We require a report on the following conditions:

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Thank you for seeing this individual who has recently applied to join the NSW Police Force. When making your assessment we ask that you consider the inherent requirements of police duties as attached. Applicants must be able to fulfil all of the requirements for general police duties.

General Police duties require the ability to safely carry and discharge a firearm, carry a police belt of 12kg weight throughout a 12 hour shift, potentially be unable to access medication, food or water for prolonged periods and be exposed to respiratory irritants.

We also ask that you bear in mind the risk of sudden incapacity as in this profession it may have fatal consequences to the applicant, their future colleagues and members of the public. Sudden incapacity may be physical (e.g. shoulder dislocation), medical (e.g. asthma attack, cardiac event or seizure) or psychological (e.g. panic attack).

A Police Officer must also be able to respond immediately and safely in an emergency or priority situation.

Further specific information related to the medical standards for policing are also attached for asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and psychiatric conditions. Please refer carefully to these documents.

The final determination on fitness will be made by the Senior Police Medical Officer (SPMO).

If you feel unable to fully comment on capacity, please refer to a suitably qualified colleague.

Your report must address:

- Diagnosis.
- Prognosis.
- Treatment given in past and required in the future and including side effects of any medications.
- Current condition based on current history and examination.
- Comment on current fitness to perform the inherent requirements of police work.
- Comment on risk of aggravation injury/illness with full police duties and training.
- Comment on any restrictions required.
- Comment on ability and safety to carry and discharge a firearm, utilise a police belt for a full 12 hour shift (weight 12kg) and potentially be without access to medication, food or water for prolonged periods.

After this has been completed please forward a report detailing the outcome (including the required detail listed above) to UHG via email [policedmedical@uhg.com.au](mailto:policedmedical@uhg.com.au) or fax **1300 784 128**.

Prompt provision of this report will help speed up the medical determination process and overall application.