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Dear Dr. Kamill,

Re: Revision of NBTS AIDS leaflet

Thank you for your letter 5th March 1993 re the above.

I have sent a copy of your letter to the National Director of the National Blood Transfusion Service, Dr. H. Gunson, for a reply in accordance with national and Department of Health policy with regard to this matter.

However I would point out that it is vital, in my view, that individuals are not directed to the Transfusion Service to become donors just to obtain an HIV test. The main safety factor for the British blood supply is the voluntary nature of donation and the continued motivation for self-deferral, i.e. the wish to help others and certainly not to put anybody at risk by their voluntary donation.

I do take your point, however, about referral to a G.P. for 'confidential' testing, which is why I have drawn your letter to the attention of the National Director of our Service.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. E. Angela Robinson.
Director/General Manager.