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Dear Dr McKellar

**vCJD recipient notification**

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We have been reviewing the records of previous donations from certain blood donors now considered to be "at risk of vCJD for public health purposes". Further information about this is given on the enclosed sheet. According to the available records, the above patient was transfused with a blood component from one such donor on 04/11/1994 while under treatment at the Western Isles Hospital.

In accordance with the guidance from the Scottish Executive Health Department [SEHD], your patient is also now to be considered 'at risk of vCJD for public health purposes' and should be informed of this fact and asked to take some precautions to reduce the risk of further transmission of vCJD. If you are willing to notify the patient, we will provide further information and literature prepared by Health Protection Scotland (HPS) for such individuals and their clinicians. We and HPS (in collaboration with the CPHM (CD&EH) at your local NHS Board health protection team) will offer any further support or advice which you may need. If, on the other hand, you would like us to notify the patient directly we are happy to do so. In this situation, we will ensure that you are provided with a copy of the information and literature for your information and future reference, as your patient will be advised to make a follow up appointment with yourself. We shall also ask you to record this information in the patient's notes, once they have been informed.

I should be grateful if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire, indicating your intentions in relation to notification of the patient. Please retain a copy for your records. Please do not approach the patient until you have received further instructions and the necessary information and literature from us.

In some cases, you may feel that informing the recipient is inadvisable. As this notification relates to a public health safety issue which has implications for future medical/ dental care, SEHD has indicated that the information should be passed on to your patient unless there are serious extenuating circumstances; this view has been strongly endorsed by patient support groups. If you have any particular concerns, or are aware of any issues of direct relevance to the notification, please do bring these to our attention on the enclosed form. Please feel free to contact us to discuss these issues. For those recipients who are known to have gone abroad, please return any available details about current whereabouts and/or attending physician.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns arising out of this letter.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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