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Please quote Reference No. **D420/S/26**  
in all correspondence

Dear Dr McKellar

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**Transfused 28/06/1996 in the Western Isles Hospital  
vCJD 'at risk for public health purposes'**

Thank you for agreeing to notify this patient.

The timeline for patients being notified directly by the SNBTS is that their notification letters will be sent out on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, in line with the planned notification of patients by the NBS in England & Wales. By then NHS 24 staff will have received appropriate information and training to deal with any out of hours calls from concerned patients or relatives.

We would suggest that your patient should be notified at the same time, however, should circumstances indicate, you are of course at liberty to notify them sooner.

For your assistance I am enclosing the following:

1. A draft letter which you may wish to amend and use for your patient.
2. Information for patients.
3. Clinical information about vCJD.
4. GP report form to be forwarded to your local CPHM [CD&EH] (stamped addressed envelope provided).
5. A document from the HPS summarising the actions now required by you.

**Should your patient be scheduled to undergo elective surgery or other invasive procedures between now and the "official" notification date - or should you be made aware of any emergency surgical or invasive procedures undertaken - please contact Joan Sneddon, Nurse Consultant Infection Control, Health Protection Scotland ([joan.sneddon@GRO-C](mailto:joan.sneddon@GRO-C), tel: GRO-C) for advice on clinician notification / equipment sterilization requirements.**

If you require any further advice or would like to discuss this issue further, you or your patient can contact me on GRO-C

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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Dr Peter Forsyth  
Clinical Director, SNBTS Inverness Centre

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