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Dear Sir,

GRO-A

I am very concerned about two comments which have been printed in the minutes of the review held on 11th May, regarding the above named boy in which information which breaches medical confidentiality has been recorded and thus circulated to a number of people. The review states "[GRO-A] still carries HIV and Haepetitis B". Only the Doctors are supposed to know who is a carrier of the AIDS virus and the Director of the Haemophilia Centre is very upset about this confidential information being passed round, albeit among professional people.

In this College we have a large number of boys suffering from hameophilia and we work on the assumption that every one of them is a carrier of the AIDS virus. We take all the precautions for every haemophiliac based on this assumption. We do not know which of the haemophiliacs are AIDS virus carriers.

As far as I can ascertain, nobody actually stated at the review that [GRO-A] is a carrier of the AIDS virus. I do not think that medical confidentiality was breached at the review. This statement should not have been put in the record of the review.

I am sorry to have to make something of an issue out of what may seem to you to be a small point, but it really is quite important for the haemophiliacs and also for the Doctors and other staff involved. It is now too late to do anything about the record of the review, but perhaps you could tell your staff about this so that a mistake like this does not happen again.

Yours faithfully,

GRO-C

Headmaster.