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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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Mr O Dodd

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Dear Mr Dodd

You may have heard – from the Haemophilia Society, in newspapers or on television – that *some batches* of clotting factors (manufactured in the UK by BPL), were made from 'pools' that included plasma donated by individuals who later developed variant Creutzfeld-Jacob Disease (vCJD). These newly identified batches are in addition to some that were similarly affected a while ago.

So far, only a few batches of clotting factor, used between 1994 and 1997, are known to contain this material. However, new cases of vCJD, in people who were once plasma donors, might occur in the future, so *all* clotting factors made from 'UK pooled plasma' between 1980-2001 have now been re-classified as being 'at-risk' of transmitting vCJD.

Because in the past you/~~your child~~ received some clotting factors made from pooled UK plasma donations you/~~he/she~~ may have an 'additional risk' of acquiring vCJD. The risk is called 'additional' because anyone who ate UK beef products during those years is assumed to be at a low degree of risk of developing vCJD, so any risk from UK plasma products is 'in addition'. The information pack enclosed with this letter attempts to answer some of your likely questions about this situation.

After you have read the information you will need to decide **whether you want to know** if you/~~he/she~~ received any batch of clotting factor known to contain plasma from individuals who later developed vCJD. The haemophilia centre staff will help in any way possible, before or after your decision. Our preferred way would be to see you in person for confidential discussion of the issues involved.

Please ring us:

Helen Greensmith/Allison Greig, Haemophilia Nurse Specialists: GRO-C

Dr Bevan's secretary: GRO-C

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Alternatively you can complete the patient reply sheet enclosed and return it to the haemophilia office.

Yours sincerely

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