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Dear

As you will know factor VIII and IX concentrates may cause hepatitis in individuals with haemophilia. Very occasionally, the hepatitis is transmitted to other members of the family. We believe this to be a very rare occurrence. We would however like to investigate local families to find out how commonly this occurs.

You may remember you very kindly arranged for some member(s) of your family to come to the Haemophilia Centre a little while ago to let us have a blood sample. We have kept this sample in the deep freeze and I write to ask if you would be agreeable to us testing this for evidence of previous infection by hepatitis virus. This will save members of your family coming up to the Haemophilia Centre again.

Before testing the samples from your deep freeze I should like to seek approval of those members of your family who kindly donated samples. If you are agreeable I should be grateful if you could ask the individuals listed below to sign opposite their names to indicate their willingness to have their blood samples tested. Please could a parent sign against a child's name to give consent.

Name

Signature

Date

If you would like to discuss the project further I would be delighted to hear from you. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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