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Dear ^F8^

**HIV AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION/TISSUE TRANSFER PAYMENT SCHEME**

I have been asked by the Department of Health to contact you with respect to the identification of any possible blood donations which may be implicated in transmitting HIV to patients as a result of blood transfusion.

Could you please identify the blood donors that you have found to be confirmed HIV antibody positive since the commencement of testing and send a list of the donation numbers of the previous donations (if any) from these donors, together with the dates of delivery, to the Consultant Haematologist at the hospital concerned. Some of you may already have this information available from 'look-back' programmes.

The Department of Health are anxious that no potential beneficiaries are over-looked and since these extend to spouses and dependant children, even if you are aware that the patient has died subsequently to the transfusion, the data should still be forwarded to the hospital.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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