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Dear Lorna,

The public and media profile of blood safety issues has increased significantly over the last few years. SACTTI clearly has an important role in ensuring that UK Transfusion Services are kept abreast of developments in this area. I am conscious that over the last few months a number of initiatives have been undertaken and I feel it is important that people working within Transfusion Centres are aware of the work undertaken by the group. This should ensure that they are able to deal more confidently with issues and questions raised by hospitals and indeed donors. To this end I have produced a newsletter outlining the recent work of the group.

I had initially intended to write to Consultants in Transfusion Centres with responsibility for transfusion microbiology, mirroring the way that Virge James has kept Donor Health Consultants informed of the work of the SAC on donors. In discussion with Angela Robinson and the NBS Zonal Clinical Directors it was felt that blood safety should be considered a core activity of Consultants within the Service and I agreed to keep all staff informed of the initiative.

I enclose a copy of my first attempt at communication. This is in the form of a Newsletter which has now been circulated to all Consultants within the English Service. I have written separately to Jack Gillon in Scotland, Tony Napier in Wales and Morris McClelland in Northern Ireland to identify whether they wish Consultants in the other UK Services to be involved in this initiative.

I thought you may be interested to see what I have produced and I enclose a copy of the Newsletter with this letter.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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