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Ms Rose Chapman

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Dear Ms Chapman

Thank you very much for coming to donate blood on 11 December 1996.

As you will know, your donation undergoes a number of screening tests for infections which may be transmitted in the blood. One of these infections can give rise to a form of jaundice known as hepatitis, which is an infection of the liver caused by viruses, some of which can be transmitted in the blood.

Your sample has been found to contain evidence of past infection with the Hepatitis C virus. It is possible to become a carrier of this virus without ever having suffered from any illness at all. Even though people who carry this virus can be perfectly well themselves, this finding unfortunately makes them unsuitable to be donors in the future.

It would be in your best interests if your family doctor were informed of our findings in order to provide a complete record of your laboratory test results. We would, therefore, be grateful if you could complete the accompanying form to provide the name and address of your general practitioner, and sign the form giving your consent for us to write to your doctor.

It should be emphasised that the result of this blood test has nothing whatsoever to do with the human immunodeficiency virus, which is associated with AIDS. Your blood sample has also been tested for HIV antibodies, and was found to be negative.

Please find enclosed a special Factsheet about Hepatitis C which has been produced by the British Liver Trust, which not only answers most commonly asked questions, but also lists the precautions you should take to try and prevent transmission to others.

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This abnormal test does, however, mean that you will no longer be able to make any further blood or plasma donations. It is, therefore, with regret that your name must be withdrawn from the donor panel, so no further invitations will be sent in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the interest you have shown in the Service.

Yours sincerely

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