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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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Dear

We are enclosing a letter and patient information sheet about vCJD that the Welsh Assembly and Department of Health has instructed us to send to everyone with a bleeding disorder who attends the haemophilia centre in Cardiff. The same letter is being sent today to everyone in the UK who has a bleeding disorder. We have not been given any leeway as to when this letter is sent to you and for some people we realise that it will arrive at an inappropriate time.

The letter explains that people who have been treated with plasma products between 1980 and 2001 should take certain actions such as informing any surgeon or dentist of this fact if they are to undergo any operations. The reasons for this are described in detail in the letter and it is important that you read this carefully.

You have received plasma products during this period and so should inform your surgeon or dentist.

This information does not mean that you will develop vCJD and the risk of this disease being transmitted by plasma products remains unknown but is very small. No person with a bleeding disorder has ever developed vCJD and there have only been 150 cases of vCJD reported in total.

Many people receiving this letter and information sheet will be worried and we are sorry about causing anxiety. We did not prepare the letter and information sheet were not consulted about its contents. We would have tried to make the information easier to understand and more relevant to individuals if we had had the opportunity. We would also have much preferred to give this information to everyone in person. We were unable to do this by the way the government decided to make the announcement.

We hope this information does not cause too much anxiety and we would be pleased to talk to you to answer any questions. We are not specialists in this field but will try to help as much as possible. It is possible that information given now may change in the future.

If you would like to discuss the information in the letter and information sheet please contact us at the haemophilia centre on 029 20748278, 029 20748327 or 029 20748323. Please keep the 029 20743403 number for other medical enquiries to make sure people can get through if they have a problem.

We have been given no extra resources to help with this process and so may not be able to see everyone in person straight away. We will do our best to be as helpful as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Dr PW Collins, Consultant Haematologist

