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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

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THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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Belfast Health and
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12th September 2011

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Dear Mrs GRO-B

I am approaching you in my capacity as the director of the Northern Ireland Haemophilia Centre to advise you of recent changes in financial compensation for former patients who were known to have been infected due to contaminated blood products.

As you may be aware your late father having been a patient of the Northern Ireland Haemophilia Centre many years ago contacted one such virus further to contaminated blood products. Having passed away prior to the current Skipton scheme which came into place in approximately 2003 your father was never eligible for any compensation. After recent reviews into this fact the Department of Health has deemed fit to extend the compensation back to involve those men who died prior to Skipton.

In going through the records which we have available to us I feel that we have sufficient information to aid a claim in relation to his estate.

My more senior colleagues here at the Haemophilia Centre have informed me that the estate of your late father will be in the name of his three children. In order to advise the three of you as to how to proceed with this claim I am writing out to you on this occasion to give all three of you an appointment for me to discuss how you can proceed.

At the meeting we will be able to share with all three of you the information which we have, outline the process through which you must proceed to acquire a compensation form, and to ensure all this is done in a timely fashion it would be best that all three of you are able to make this appointment.

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It would be of great benefit that should there be a copy of your father's death certificate available for this to be brought along with you to the meeting.

An appointment has been made for you to attend on Thursday 22nd September at 4pm.

I apologise for any distress that this information may cause to you, however the team look forward to meeting you at the appointment.

Yours sincerely

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Dr G Benson MB BCh BAO MRCP FRCPath
Haemophilia Centre Director