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Dear Dr Bradley

HTLV III ANTIBODY TESTING; BLOOD DONATIONS OUTSIDE THE NHS

As you know, since October 1985 all NBTS blood donations have been routinely tested for HTLV III antibody. The Department is concerned that proper action to test all blood donations may not have been taken in those parts of the NHS outside the NBTS which collect and use blood donations.

There is a possibility that blood donations collected outside the NBTS may be used in a few transplant units: we would be grateful if a note could be inserted in the next UKTS bulletin to remind any such units of the necessity for all blood donations to be screened for HTLV III antibody and for the leaflet "AIDS - Important Information for Blood Donors" to be distributed individually to all donors. Any enquiries should be directed to DHSS Health Services Division HS1A Hannibal House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6TE Telephone 01-703 6380 Extension **GRO-C**

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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