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Dear Doctor,

**HIV AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION/TISSUE TRANSFER  
Payments Scheme**

On 17 February 1992 the Secretary of State announced that the special payments available to those with haemophilia and HIV were to be extended to others infected with HIV as a result of blood transfusion or tissue transfer. I am asking for your help in identifying those patients who may be entitled to payments under this scheme.

As you may know these patients will have been under the care of consultants from many different specialties. The CDSC will write on a confidential basis to those consultants who have already reported possible cases to them. The NBTS Directorate is asking Regional Transfusion Centre Directors to check their records and remind consultants of any donations from donors subsequently found to be HIV positive. However to ensure that no potential beneficiary is overlooked I am asking all consultants and general practitioners to consider whether they have any patients who are HIV positive and where a blood transfusion or organ or tissue transfer may be implicated as the cause of infection.

If you find that you have any patients who may fall within this category for payment under the scheme, or you need more information, please contact Mr D Burrage, Department of Health, Room 506 Eileen House, 80-94 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6EF on **GRO-C** and ask for the required number of application forms and notes on the scheme, unless you have already received them from the CDSC.

I would be grateful if you would complete the form in consultation with the patient and return in confidence to Dr A Rejman, Department of Health, Room 420 Eileen House, 80-94 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6EF as soon as possible. Your help would be greatly valued because of your knowledge of the patient and access to the hospital notes.



All information given to the Department will be treated in strict confidence.

Thank you for your help.

*Yours sincerely*

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