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Haemophilia Directors Scotland and Northern Ireland

Dear Colleague

The "vCJD incidents" were discussed at the CFWP this afternoon. Professor Franklin will be writing to formally notify you of the incidents including the batch numbers of concentrate. The meeting accepted the view of Scottish and Northern Ireland Haemophilia Directors, that we should send a letter to all those patients who could be identified as having received factor VIII/IX concentrate in Scotland and Northern Ireland. At the CFWP it was agreed to send the letter to these who received concentrate between 1st January 1987 and 31st December 1989, this is to ensure that we include all possible recipients of concentrate. The letter has been drafted by Gordon Lowe and circulated to you all for comments. Please could you return these to Gordon by Friday 15th February at the latest.

Gordon is drafting a further letter to all other patients in Scotland, to let them know of the situation. A draft of this letter will be circulated to you shortly.

Each Haemophilia Centre will need to identify all patients, who are thought to have received concentrate during the three year period. I am conscious that the quality of records for this period fifteen years ago varies between Haemophilia Centres. One way to find out this information would be to search the UKHCDO National Database. I enclose a letter I have written to Frank Hill about the incident and requested that this information be made available. To preserve patient confidentiality this information will only be sent direct to individual Haemophilia Centres which request it. I would, therefore, suggest that each Haemophilia Centre writes a short letter to Frank Hill requesting these data.

The proposal is that these letters would be sent out from each Haemophilia Centre on the same agreed date. The plan is to do this at the end of February. There is therefore not a great deal of time to make all the arrangements and I should be grateful if each Haemophilia Centre could write to Frank Hill as soon as possible.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely

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