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Dear Frank

In a telephone conversation yesterday to Dr Noel Gill, at the CDSC, I learnt that there are batches of clotting factor concentrates made from plasma pools that have been donated by blood donors who have died of vCJD that have not been notified to respective treaters. As the Director of the largest haemophilia centre in the UK where we have used exclusively BPL concentrates I find this very disturbing. When the problem first arose in 1997 we informed all our patients who had received implicated batches and we wrote to the remaining patients to inform them that they had not received implicated batches. As clinicians with responsibility for care of these patients we are now in the position that there may be information about treatment and possible exposure that has not been divulged.

I am writing this letter because I think it is imperative that you, as Chairman of the UKHCDO, should ensure that the details of these implicated batches are made known to us as soon as possible in order that we may inform our patients.

Kind regards,

Professor CA Lee

cc

Patricia Hewitt, NLBTU
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