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Dear Jenny

In the light of the new CPMP recommendation (October 1997) that there should be a recall of batches of blood products if a blood donation to a plasma pool was subsequently found to have been made from a person who developed nv-CJD, the NBS now has a responsibility to trace the fate of any plasma donation previously donated by any individual who subsequently develops nv-CJD. I must therefore ask you to trace the fate of any donations from the following individuals: -

1. [GRO-A] dob [GRO-A]  
Believed to have donated blood on 4 occasions, first in 1975 when she was living at [GRO-A] [GRO-A] Liverpool [GRO-A] and twice in 1987 when she was living at [GRO-A] [GRO-A]. The blood was donated at [GRO-A] [GRO-A] NHS Blood Transfusion Centre (CJD Surveillance Unit acquired information).  
The date of onset of nv-CJD in this patient was in July 1994.
2. [GRO-A] dob [GRO-A]  
Believed to have donated blood on 5 occasions first in 1989/90 and on the last occasion in 1993. The blood was donated to the [GRO-A] Blood Transfusion Service and at that time her address was [GRO-A].  
The date of onset of clinical illness in this lady was August 1994.

Please can you identify and trace the fate of all their previous donations. With regard to fresh components do not at this stage go beyond identifying what components were made and to which hospitals they were issued. Do not communicate with the hospitals yet, Pat Hewitt will be advising on how to handle the hospital tracing of the fate of fresh blood components from these implicated donations, as despite the fact it has proved necessary to break the confidentiality of our surveillance study to comply with this new CPMP ruling, the ethical advice remains the same - i.e. recipients are not to be informed.

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However, if you discover that plasma from any of these donations were sent to BPL, please formally notify BPL in writing with all the details they require in relation to post donation information, such that they can trace the fate of these plasma donations within BPL. Please would you also simultaneously inform me of any BPL notifications you have to make.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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