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HTLV-III Antibody Testing Facilities

The Directors of the Scottish Transfusion Service are concerned to avoid a situation in which members of the public who wish to know their HTLV-III antibody status and are categorised as 'high risk' from the blood transfusion point of view (see enclosed) may present themselves at our donor sessions when the Transfusion Services introduce full scale HTLV-III antibody donor testing.

We have reason to believe that HTLV-III antibody testing kits will soon be commercially available and in order to prevent the development described above I write to request that your Board considers the introduction of HTLV-III antibody tests as soon as possible, that this test is made available to the general public without the normal requirement to go through General Practitioners and that appropriate local publicity is undertaken to ensure the fullest uptake.

Yours sincerely,