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Dear Brian

Thank you for your letter of 12 December concerning our recent discussions about the desirability of close family members of haemophiliacs not donating blood.

As we agreed in our discussion it would be better to disseminate this information in the haemophiliac community by our existing lines of communication, rather than add these potentially high risk donors to your "formal" list as published by the SNBTS. At the meeting of haemophiliacs on 19 December, at which you were present, this point was made clear. To make sure that the wider haemophiliac community is made aware that they should not be blood donors, we are arranging for a circular to be sent to every patient with moderate and severe haemophilia A and B.

I hope this will prevent any further donations within the Edinburgh and Glasgow areas. We are planning to send the circular to the other three East Coast Haemophilia Centres asking them to distribute it amongst their patients.

With best wishes.
Yours sincerely

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