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Dear Mr Morrison-Bates,

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request to NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) to access information regarding blood donations.

I am writing to advise you that we are able to provide the following information in response to your request.

1. The exact percentage (%) of whole blood obtained by voluntary donation that is actually used for the intended purpose of transfusions.

The measure that we look at is defined as 'Red Cells banked to Total WB Donors Bled'. The annual figure is 95.3%.

2. The exact percentage (%) of donated whole blood that is used for the manufacture of blood products (serums etc) for eventual sale to countries other than the UK.

We do not use any donated whole blood for the manufacture of blood products.

3. Exact details of the countries in which these products are being sold, and exact details of the profits gained from their sale.

Refer to response above.

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications. In addition if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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