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Dear JJ Evans

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request dated 21st October 2018 for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding the Infected Blood Inquiry.

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

Under FOI I am requesting the following information:

a) Have you received any notice or instruction not to destroy documentation or files which may be relevant to the Infected Blood Inquiry from any source?

Yes

b) If so, from whom the notice was received and on what date it was received.

The Department of Health and Social Care wrote to our then Chief Executive Ian Trenholm on 19th December 2017.

However, it should be noted that NHSBT and its predecessor organisation the National Blood Authority already had an embargo on the destruction of records relating to blood product traceability i.e. from the donor to the patient. This was put in place by the then Medical Director, Dr Angela Robinson who was in post from 1994 until 2007.

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I hope this is helpful in addressing your questions. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wm', with a horizontal line underneath and a period at the end.

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Head of Corporate Communications

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