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Dear Dr Chandra,

**Request for the retention of all documents and information and for the production of specified documents and information under Rule 9(2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006.**

By way of introduction I am the Solicitor to the Infected Blood Inquiry which was formally set up on the 2 July 2018 by a statement made to Parliament by the Minister of the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, David Lidington.

I am writing to you in your capacity as a Haemophilia Centre Director, because the treatment of men, women and children with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders will be a significant focus of the Inquiry's work, and it is likely that many patients of your Centre will be participants and witnesses to the Inquiry.

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are broad and cover a lengthy period. You will find a copy on the Inquiry's website at [www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk](http://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk) together with a series of documents titled "Statement of Approach", which set out the Inquiry's processes and procedures.

You may be already be aware that we have written to the Chief Executives of Health and Social Care Board NI and NHS England, Scotland and Wales to request the

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preservation of all potentially relevant material. Copies of those letters can be found on the Inquiry's website at <https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/evidence/>.

In order that the work of the Inquiry is not prejudiced by the destruction of potentially relevant documents and information, I would be grateful if you would take steps to ensure that documents and information, however held or controlled by the Centre, are preserved and not destroyed while the inquiry is ongoing.

You will see from the letters sent to the NHS and Health and Social Care Board Chief Executives, that the inquiry has requested the waiver of any fees normally charged to access and obtain copies of medical records. I would be grateful if you would similarly consider waiving fees in connection with requests by patients for access to and copies of medical records for the purposes of engaging with the Inquiry.

I would also be grateful to receive, pursuant to Rule 9(2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006, all information and documents held in any form, excluding individual patient records, which are potentially relevant to the issues set out in the Terms of Reference. Please provide the information referred to above within 28 days.

The Inquiry anticipates that the Centre will hold or control a significant amount of potentially relevant documents and information and I would be grateful if you and your team would liaise with the Inquiry's Information Manager, [redacted] to determine the most appropriate means of provision of the documents and information to the Inquiry.

You may also wish to refer to the Inquiry document titled "Statement of Approach - Anonymity and Redaction" which explains the Inquiry's approach to redaction and you will note the request that documents are to be provided to the Inquiry without redaction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification,

Yours sincerely



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