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[Recipients Name and Address]

Date:
Your Ref:
Our Ref:

Dear [Recipient]

I am writing to offer you a six month follow up blood test after your recent pregnancy.

This blood test is for women whose blood group is rhesus negative and who may have recently been pregnant with a baby whose blood group was rhesus positive. In this situation, the mother can, very occasionally, become sensitised to the baby's blood in a way that can sometimes affect future pregnancies. Protection against this is given by the Anti-D injection but in some cases the Anti-D injection may have been delayed for some reason, or the dose of the injection may not have provided all the cover required, or the injection was declined. If there is any chance of this having occurred, we offer you a follow up blood test six months after delivery and that is why you are receiving this letter.

The easiest way to get the blood test is to make an appointment with the practice nurse at your local GP practice. Please find enclosed blood transfusion request form tube for you to take with you.

If you would like to chat this through please feel free to contact your own midwife, or the pregnancy assessment unit (01896 826735), for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Srinivasa Dasari
Consultant Haematologist
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