

Dear [participant name],

We are sorry to hear that you were admitted to hospital after a serious injury.

In your pre-hospital care, you were attended by [AIR AMBULANCE] and needed an emergency blood transfusion.

At this time, the doctor looking after [you / your child / your relative] entered [you / your child / your relative] into a research study called SWiFT which is investigating treatments for bleeding patients with severe injuries. As your treatment was an emergency, the doctor looking after you was not able to discuss the study with [you / your child / your relative] in advance.

Several hospitals in England are taking part in the SWiFT study, however you were admitted to a hospital which is not taking part in this research study. This means that, once admitted to hospital, [you / your child / your relative] were / was not approached by a member of the hospital research team and informed about you / their participation in the study which is why you are receiving this letter instead.

I have enclosed an information sheet with this letter to give you more information about the study and what is involved. **Please read this carefully to ensure you understand the research study.**

When you were entered into the study, we collected a small amount of information (data) about your injuries and the treatment you received in the first 24hrs following your injury. We are unable to identify you (tell who you are) from the information we collected. We won't collect any further information from you. If you are happy for your information to be included in the study, there is nothing else you need to do.

If you prefer that we don't include your information in the study, please contact us and we will arrange for your data to be deleted. Taking part in research is always voluntary and withdrawing will not affect your ongoing care.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for your anonymised information about your injuries and care to be used in the study.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the study, please contact the study team at NHS Blood & Transplant by emailing swift@nhsbt.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely,

[AIR AMBULANCE] on behalf of NHSBT SWiFT details]