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Dear [participant name],

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

In your pre-hospital care, you were attended by an Air Ambulance and needed an emergency blood transfusion.

At this time, you were enrolled into a research study called SWiFT by the Doctor who was looking after you. As your treatment was an emergency, the Doctor was not able to discuss the study with you in advance.

Whilst you were in hospital, the research team was not able to discuss your ongoing participation in the study with you. The research team have tried to contact you since you have left hospital but have been unable to speak with you.

I have enclosed a copy of the Participant Information Sheet with this letter to give you further details of the study and what is involved. Please read this to ensure you understand the research study.

If you are happy to continue in the study or wish to withdraw, please get in contact with us and we can facilitate this. 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 information about your injuries and care to be used in the study. We will attempt to contact you again to ask you how you feel and about your ongoing care three months after your injury. We can telephone you to go through these with the research team, or we can post (with a return paid envelope) or email them to you.

Yours sincerely,

[Hospital Consultant name / contact details]

[Research team details]