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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.

The SWiFT study is investigating two different blood transfusion treatments for patients with severe bleeding before they get to hospital. There is no additional risk to receiving either type of transfusion. At the end of the study we will determine which of the transfusion types is better (or whether there is no difference between them) so that more patients in the future will get the best treatment.

Each study has rules about who can participate in the study and who cannot. In your case you were entered into the study but, whilst you required a blood transfusion, you did not meet the full criteria. We would still like to collect your injury and care data as you received one of the transfusion types.

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]