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Dear [Personal Legal Representative name],

We are sorry to hear that your relative/friend was recently admitted to hospital after a serious injury.

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

At this time, they were enrolled into a research study called SWiFT by the Doctor who was looking after them. As their treatment was an emergency, the Doctor was not able to discuss the study with them 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 [participant's first name]'s case they were entered into the study but, whilst they required a blood transfusion, they did not meet the full criteria. We would still like to collect their injury and care data as they received one of the transfusion types.

I have enclosed a copy of the Personal Legal Representative 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 for your relative/friend to continue in the study or wish to withdraw them, please get in contact with us and we can facilitate this. Taking part in research is always voluntary and withdrawing them will not affect their ongoing care.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for information about their injuries and care to be used in the study. We will attempt to contact you again to ask you how you feel and about their ongoing care three months after their 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]