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Dear Member/ Patient

I apologise for the long delay in writing to you. This has been due to problems and changes within the Haemophilia Society's Head Office in London resulting from the Data Protection Act.

As a result, I am grateful to the Staff within the Glasgow Haemophilia Unit for the assistance and goodwill helping the mailing this letter to patients and providing the venue for a meeting

You will see from the following information that the Hospital Management proposes the Haemophilia Unit be moved to another location in the Royal or to another hospital in the Glasgow area.

It is our view that the other location in the GRI would create problem of access for patients. To move the Unit to another hospital is inconceivable given that most of the support such as dental, physiotherapy, orthopaedics and other care needs are based within the Royal.

As some of you may know the Haemophilia Centre has long been recognised for the care provided by the professional staff and their knowledge of patients and their family's history.

As the result of proposals, being made by the Management of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary to move the existing Centre, without any consultation with patients. We believe there is an urgent need that a meeting be held for all patients attending the Glasgow "Haemophilia Centre?" to have the opportunity voice their concerns. This may be your only opportunity.

The proposal being suggested is that the existing Haemophilia Centre be moved to another part of the Infirmary or another hospital. As some may recall the local Group and the doctors and nursing staff campaigned for years resulting in the establishing of the present Unit.

In view of this we have arranged to hold a meeting within the [Haemophilia Unit of the Royal Infirmary on Saturday the 24 March from 11.00 am to 1 pm.](#)

It is important if you are concerned about the impact of these proposals may have on your future haemophilia treatment that as many patients attend as this meeting as it may be the only opportunity to have an input to ensure the future of the Centre.

FURTHER SADLY: AFTER OVER THIRTY YEARS SISTER ISHBEL McDougall HAS ANNOUNCED SHE WILL BE RETIRING IN MAY 2018. OVER THESE YEARS SHE HAS BEEN "THE HAEMOPHILIA UNIT" PROVIDING SUPPORT TO MANY OF US. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SOME MIGHT WISH TO RECOGNISE HER WORK.

If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to speak with me or our Secretary John Prior we can be contacted by phone or email as follows.

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Please advise either John or myself if you will be attending

Yours sincerely

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Chairman – West of Scotland Haemophilia Group 2nd March 2018