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Dear Mr Todd

<u>Scottish Parliament Public Petition PE1448 on Raising Awareness of the Links Between Organ</u> <u>Transplantation and Cancer</u>

NHS Borders does not carry out any transplants. Transplants for Borders patients are carried out either by NHS Lothian or other locations under the National Services Scotland arrangements. As such we would expect all counselling and informed consent, including long term risks of immunosuppressant treatment, to be carried out by the transplant team looking after the patient. Our local clinicians would reinforce the advice from and support the expert team in looking after the patient.

Yours sincerely

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