Dear Dr

**PROJECT: The SCOTTY Study - Whole genome sequencing of young colon cancer patients and their parents throughout the UK.**

**Patient Name, Address, DOB**

As part of The SCOTTY study, we aim to recruit patients with early onset colorectal cancer to our genetic studies along with their parents. As you know, young patients make up only a small proportion of all colorectal cancer cases. However, they are highly enriched for an underlying genetic predisposition.

Your patient, Mr XXXXXXXX has consented to provide us with a blood/saliva sample as a PATIENT / RELATIVE OF SOMEONE who has developed colorectal cancer at a young age. We have explained to them that their participation is purely for research. Should anything of clinical significance, including unknown genetic variants be identified which may potentially have implications to your patient or to their family during the course of this research, we would notify you of the results.

I have enclosed a copy of the information sheet which your patient received for your information.

If you would like to discuss matters further, please feel free to contact a member of our study team on 0131 651 8602.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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