Dear Sir / Madam,

Today you are being asked to take home with you a questionnaire, to complete at home and then return to the dialysis unit when you come back for your next scheduled dialysis session.

The questionnaire asks you about how you feel about your health and your life. We are particularly interested in the impact of your kidney disease upon that.

Questionnaire responses from patients all across Scotland will be put together by the Scottish Renal Registry to try to assess the impact upon health and well-being of different aspects of kidney patient care. The combined results will be shared with the team in your dialysis unit to try to improve things if they can.

In order to be able to assess the impact of different aspects of kidney care upon quality of life we would very much like to add your CHI number to the form so that we can link it with blood test results. If you strongly prefer not to have your number on the form we would still like you to fill in the form without it please. By returning the questionnaire it implies that you consent to participate in this evaluation of care and you have been given a copy of this letter to keep for your records.

If you need help to read or fill in the questionnaire then please do ask a friend or family member to do so, or a member of your dialysis unit staff would be happy to help.

You of course do not have to complete the questionnaire – it is entirely voluntary. However we very much hope that you will take a little time to do so.

Thank you very much in advance.

Wendy Metcalfe

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