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Dear Dr Strathdee

Thrombosis UK was delighted to hear of your appointment to lead in providing a national network of psychological support to all those affected by vaccine-induced thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (VITT).

Since mid-March 2022 Thrombosis UK have received many distressed calls and emails from individual diagnosed with VITT and members of their family or close friends – in particular when a loved one has tragically died due to VITT.

We would welcome further information on the services being set-up, the time scale and how we can signpost individuals to this much-needed support, and how we can effectively interact with them.

As you are aware, VITT is indiscriminate, affecting previously well and active individuals who had expected to continue a full and healthy life. With around 400 confirmed cases in the UK and approximately 20% of these ending in fatality, families and loved ones have also been deeply affected. Please can you confirm if the planned service will also be offered to a close family member or partner?

We look forward to learning more and would like to offer Thrombosis UK's help in working with you and sharing news and disseminating information about this much needed initiative.

Yours sincerely



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