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TODAY'S FINAL UPDATE ON BONE MARROW DONATION

The GHA is pleased to report that the response from the public continues to increase.

As of 5 o'clock this afternoon, almost 2,000 people have made contact. Over 1,600 of these have confirmed appointments. The remainder are either in the process of being allocated appointments or have contacted the GHA by email and have been directed to make contact through the new telephone number which is 200 44411.

The first 200 donors will be bled tonight as from 5 o'clock. These samples will be flown from Malaga to Barcelona tonight and testing will commence in the morning. 960 donors will be bled over the weekend. Slots are still available most days during next week.

The phone lines will be manned over the weekend from 9 to 5 pm.

Staff in the Department of pathology and the rest of the GHA have working all out during the course of the day and will work until the early hours to make sure that everything flows smoothly.