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In order to meet Julian's needs and get the results in time to prepare a possible donor for a transplant, the GHA has been advised today that the last blood sample must leave Gibraltar on Sunday evening 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Over 2000 samples have already been sent for testing and it is expected that a further 1500 will be prepared for transfer by Sunday evening.

Laboratories in Germany, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the US are all engaged in bringing the results of over 3500 tests within the time window identified by Julian's Medical Team at Great Ormond St Hospital.

The Minister for Health, Yvette Del Agua said "This is an outstanding response and means that nearly 40% of those eligible to donate have come forward within the 10 day appeal. As Minister for Health and on behalf of Julian's family, I would like to thank all those donors who came forward. Since the initiation of this campaign, and knowing well the generosity of the people of Gibraltar, I had absolutely no doubt in my mind that this would be the case. I now pray that all the efforts that have gone into this appeal, not only by the general public but also by the staff at the GHA, will yield a successful match for Julian."

"The GHA is very proud of its staff who have volunteered to take on this task with such great enthusiasm and have performed this work outside of their normal duties and working hours. A special thanks also to their families for supporting them" said Dr David McCutcheon Chief Executive