

## LETTER INVITING PATIENT TO CONTINUE

### The CRASH-4 Trial

**Short title:** Clinical Randomisation of Antifibrinolytic in Symptomatic mild Head injury in older adults

**Lay title:** A trial of tranexamic acid in older adults after a head injury

Dear [participant's name],

You suffered a head injury and needed to go to hospital. Bleeding into the brain is a common and serious complication of head injury and older adults are at highest risk. Even a small bleed into the brain can cause disability and some patients can die if the bleeding is more severe. We know that giving a drug called tranexamic acid to patients with bleeding into their brain from a head injury reduces their chance of dying. We are doing a study to see if this drug can prevent bleeding into the brain after head injury. We hope that this will lead to better health outcomes. You have been included in this study soon after your head injury.

As part of the study, you were given 1 or 2 injections of the trial treatment into your thigh, shoulder or bottom and we collected some information about your injury and any previous health problems. There are no further treatments as part of the study, but we would like your permission to collect information about your recovery from your medical records at one month and at one year since your injury.

To help you to decide, we ask that you read the 'Information Sheet for Participants and their Representatives'. This will tell you about the whole trial.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask the study team.

We hope you recover well.

Yours sincerely,