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Dear Tamati and Rhonda

My name is Dr Kate Neas and I am one of the Clinical Geneticists at Wellington Hospital. I have received a referral to meet with you because of the recent sad sudden death of your daughter Jasmine. The reason that I have been asked to see you is because there is a concern that Jasmine may have died as a result of a sudden heart rhythm disturbance. In this kind of situation, one possibility is that the heart rhythm disturbance has occurred due to an inherited susceptibility to a heart rhythm disturbance. This would be important firstly for Jasmine and to provide you with some information about what caused her sudden death but secondly it could be important for the two of you and any other children you may have, as well as more distant relatives, in case there is a risk of other people dying suddenly in similarly circumstances. I appreciate that this is probably a really difficult thing for you to consider at this time when I am sure you are still grieving the loss of your daughter.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and to discuss these issues. I would like to offer you two possibilities for that meeting. The first is that I would be very happy to meet with you in my genetic clinic at Hutt Hospital, which occurs monthly on a Wednesday; the next three Wednesdays that this clinic is occurring are on the 21st April, the 16th June and the 21st July. I understand that you have some other work commitments and I know that you would prefer an appointment as late as possible. Unfortunately my last appointment at that clinic is 3.00pm on those days but I would be happy to offer you that appointment should you wish to get back to me.

The alternate possibility is that you could be seen by myself and one of the cardiologists here at Wellington Hospital on a Friday when we do a combined cardiac genetic clinic. This would essentially involve you being available for an entire day, because Dr Aitken would arrange for you to have cardiac investigations on that day as well just to look at your heart function and to make sure that there is nothing amiss at the beginning of the process. These clinics only happen every three months and the next one of those would be in May.

I would really appreciate if you could get in contact with me at a time that is suitable to you and let me know what if any of these options would be suitable to you. I do feel that you and your family would probably benefit from this appointment, although I appreciate that it is inconvenient and possibly difficult for you to attend for other reasons.

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Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Neas', written in a cursive style.

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