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Dear Dr Wilson

Shetland Community Screening Project

Sandsting & Aithsting Community Council members wish to express their support for the Shetland Community Screening Project being organised by your team at the University of Edinburgh. As it has already been proven that Shetlanders have a much higher chance of carrying a number of disease-causing genetic variants than the UK population, we feel that it is essential that this screening programme is carried out. Many Shetlanders were screened earlier and some have benefitted from being able to have preventative measures taken before the diseases show. We feel that this is much better than waiting until problems have already been identified.

Yours sincerely

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