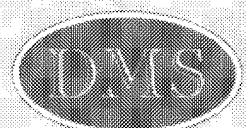


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Dear Sir

Hepatitis Litigation

We enclose:-

1. Application Notice.
2. Witness Statement of the writer in support.
3. Consent Order.

We would not have thought it necessary, given your consent, for you to attend the hearing before Mr Justice Burton (when we will be dealing with many other matters) on 17th December 1999.

Yours faithfully

GRO-C

Anthony Mallen

Enc.

This does not appear to require any action as it is a consent application. Pls leave for AMJ o/r - for info.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

RE: HEPATITIS LITIGATION

BETWEEN:

A AND OTHERS

Claimants

-and-

THE NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the undertaking of Deas Mallen Souter not at any time (including after the conclusion of proceedings) to use any document the subject of this Order for any purpose other than for the purpose of these proceedings

IT IS ORDERED BY CONSENT THAT

1. The Department of Health permit before 4th February 2000 Anthony Mallen and such other partners or employees of Deas Mallen Souter to inspect and take copies:-
 - i. of all documents, letters, reports, internal memoranda and other documentation relevant to the introduction of surrogate or routine anti HCV screening generated during the period 1.3.1988 to 1.9.1991.
 - ii. Minutes of the meetings of the Advisory Committee on Hepatitis.

2. Each party shall bear their own costs in connection with this Application.

Dated:

GRO-C

We, Deas Mallen Souter Solicitors for
the Claimants consent to an Order in the
above terms

GRO-C

I, ANITA JAMES on behalf of the
Department of Health consent to an Order in
the above terms