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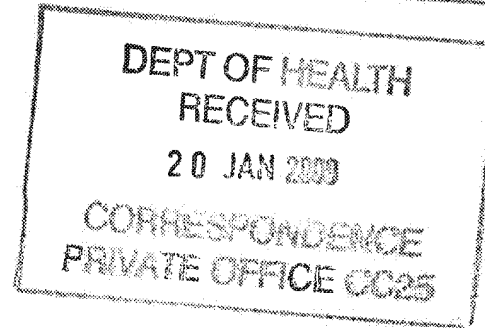
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Dear Dawn,

Thank you for your letter of the 25th November 2008 giving your detailed and constructive response to the All-Party Parliamentary Hepatology Group's recommendations for improving the management and treatment of hepatitis C.

We are encouraged that several of the suggestions could be taken up as part of the specific programme of work that your department is developing for liver disease. The All-Party Parliamentary Hepatology Group wishes to declare its wholehearted support for a national liver disease reform strategy. I know that the stakeholder groups who engage with us, such as the British Liver Trust and The Hepatitis C Trust, are also extremely supportive of such a programme.

In June I met with Ann Keen to discuss the compelling need for more work on liver disease services and I believe it would be helpful to meet with you or one of your colleagues to discuss progress on the issue. This might also be a useful opportunity to include stakeholders like the British Liver Trust and The Hepatitis C Trust in the discussions.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful and positive response to this increasingly urgent health issue.

Yours,

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