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Subject: infected blood - and lost docs: Query from the Observer



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I am not aware of any papers that have been returned to the Department from Paul Sexton Solicitors. I am copying this e-mail to colleagues in SOL who may be able to confirm whether they have received any papers.

However, our solicitors have only this week received papers from Blackett, Hart and Pratt (BHP) solicitors. They were solicitors involved in the HIV and Hepatitis C litigation. They agreed earlier this year to return DH papers which they held as part of the above litigations. The papers comprise of 7 lever arch files containing copy extracts from the files of J Keith Park and Co and Ross & Co. and 5 lever arch files containing copy DH documents in the possession of BHP.

I attach for information two letters we sent in relation to a FOI case on this subject which provides some background.

It is possible that the papers that have been received may contain documents believed to have been destroyed. We have arranged an internal meeting for next week to discuss a way forward. ie. to consider release in light of the FOI request.

Hope this helps.

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Hi

The observer have been talking to a solicitor Paul Sexton who says that he's sent back copies of some these lost documents to DH. She wants to know if this is true and what we will do with them now. Also the solicitor said that there are other copies of docs held by other solicitors which we are still waiting to receive. Again she'd like to know if this is the case.

Could you let me know pls.

Thanks

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