

The Treasury Solicitor
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St James's Park

Date 7 February 2006

Your Ref

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Dear Sirs

**Re: HIV Haemophilic Litigation
Hepatitis C Litigation**

We acted as coordinating solicitors in the Hepatitis Litigation (A and Others –v- National Blood Authority).

We enclose a copy of an Order dated 11th December 1991 made by Mr Justice Ognall in the HIV Haemophilic Litigation enabling Government documents from the HIV Litigation to be used by Claimant's lawyers in the Hepatitis Litigation, subject to an undertaking that those documents or information gained from them would not be used for any other purpose than establishing liability in the Hepatitis Litigation.

We have retained copies of those documents.

We have been contacted by Mrs Carol Grayson (widow of the late Mr Peter Longstaff) requesting sight of those documents. We have told Mrs Grayson that, pursuant to the Order of Mr Justice Ognall, we are not permitted to allow her access to the documents.

We have been told by Mrs Grayson that a report is about to be released dealing with matters to which the documents we hold may relate. We have been told by Mrs Grayson that the Department of Health has stated that all relevant documents and information have now been put into the public domain, except where documents may have been mistakenly destroyed. Mrs Grayson has suggested that the documents we hold may be copies of documents which have otherwise have been destroyed.

We take the view it is now appropriate to return these documents to the Department of Health, or such other Government Department as may have provided them. Would you please confirm we may return the documents to you. We will then advise Mrs Grayson that a request for access to the documents can be made to the Department of Health (or such other appropriate department as you identify).

If you agree to return of the documents, we seek your assurance that they will be preserved pending any request for access to them by Mrs Grayson, or such other persons as may have an interest in them.

Yours faithfully

GRO-C

Paul Saxon
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cc: Mrs Carol Grayson
Mr J Cousins MP