

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER OF INSTRUCTION TO THE CLINICAL GROUP: HEPATITIS 20.3.2020

Professor Graham Cooke

Dear Professor Cooke

Re: The Infected Blood Inquiry

1. I am writing on behalf of the Chair to the Infected Blood Inquiry, Sir Brian Langstaff, with further supplemental instructions in relation to the report and oral evidence that has been given by the group. This letter should be read together with the initial letter of instruction dated 25 September 2019 and the supplemental letter of instruction dated 20 December 2019 and the basis upon which you are instructed remains as set out in that letter.
2. A number of questions arose during the course of the evidence the group gave to the Inquiry on 26 February 2020 which you indicated you would be able to answer in a further report.
3. We remind you that we are not asking you to consider or comment on the experiences of any particular individual.
4. As before, the topics and questions set out below are for the most part framed in broad terms, with the aim of allowing the group to approach the matters as you see fit.

Further supplemental instructions

5. Is there any information about the prevalence of particular genotypes amongst those who were infected with Hepatitis C in the United Kingdom through transfusion of blood or blood products? Has that been the subject of research or studies addressing this as far as you know?
6. When did it become known that hepatitis B was sexually transmissible?
7. May I thank you and the other group members once again for agreeing to assist the Inquiry and for the assistance you have given the Inquiry to date. If there is anything that I can do to assist or there are any aspects of these instructions that you would like to clarify then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Moore Flannery

Infected Blood Inquiry, Secretariat.