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## HIV HAEMOPHILIA LITIGATION

- 1. During a brief conversation with Dr Peter Kernoff of the Royal Free Hospital, he mentioned to me that he has received a couple of writs in respect of hepatitis infection in haemophiliacs.
- 2. These are individuals who are HIV negative, and as such would not be covered by the HIV haemophilia general settlement.
- 3. I believe that any that are HIV positive would have to agree not to raise hepatitis in any further litigation, but this obviously does not exclude those not in the scheme.
- 4. Dr Kernoff did not believe that the Department of Health was a named defendant at present, but I felt you would wish to be aware of this.

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