

FILE NOTE

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cc: Dr P A Harris

ADVICE TO DHSS OF HIV ANTIBODY SERO-CONVERSION REPORTED BY DR SWINBURNE

Following our discussions today (7/10/86), at approximately 11.45 a.m., I telephoned Dr Rotblat at the DHSS and advised her that late on Monday evening, 6 October, during our routine notification of Haemophilia Centres and Blood Transfusion Centres of our Factor VIII product withdrawal, Dr Swinburne at Leeds General Hospital had reported a further HIV antibody sero-conversion. I told Dr Rotblat that on the previous evening and again throughout this morning, I had attempted to contact Dr Swinburne without success.

We understood that the case in question had received multiple treatment with non-Heat Treated Factor VIII but had been continued to be treated with Factor VIII Heat Treated for approximately 18 months before sero-conversion. I promised that I would telephone her with any further information as soon as it was received. Dr Rotblat made no specific comment on this case. She thanked me and said that they would await further information.

Immediately following my telephone call to Dr Rotblat, Dr Swinburne telephoned me. She indicated that the case was now the responsibility of Dr McVerry. She said that she would ask Dr McVerry to assemble the information that we required and, if possible, ring us this afternoon.

The patient in question is apparently a severe haemophiliac who had received massive amounts of both Heat Treated and non-Heat Treated Factor VIII over a period of years. It was unusual that he had only sero-converted to HIV antibody positive around July this year and this was now confirmed. I asked Dr Swinburne if she would ask Dr McVerry to provide further details of manufacturer, batch numbers, all Heat Treated material given to the patient, including details of administration and dose if possible, records of treatment with non-Heat Treated Factor VIII, details of HIV antibody tests, the patient's current clinical condition and any known AIDS risk factors.

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