

## **Gorman Angela**

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**From:** Hewitt Patricia  
**To:** Gorman Angela  
**Subject:** RE: new hepatitis C claim  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2002 3:31PM

Yes, but the positive HBV and HCV tests were at Charing Cross. That's why it looks as if she was admitted later with something completely different. Charing Cross would have been her local hospital then, though it looks as if she attends Chelsea & Westminster now (don't blame her, it's a much nicer place!).

Pat

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gorman Angela  
**Sent:** 13 September 2002 14:40  
**To:** Hewitt Patricia  
**Subject:** RE: new hepatitis C claim

Thanks Actually her CABG in 1991 was in Barts.

It is a pity that we were so slow this end in tracing fate of donation: wouldn't have affected the outcome (I think, unless the extra years made it more difficult to find, tho' I always thought they were awash with computerised records at Barts), but we look less than efficient to the great outside.

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**From:** Hewitt Patricia  
**To:** Gorman Angela  
**Subject:** RE: new hepatitis C claim  
**Date:** Friday, September 13, 2002 1:33PM

Thanks Angela. I now understand.

So it appears that Charing Cross knew she was infected back in 1991 and did not report it. Furthermore, Barts could not link the donation to the recipient in 2001.

It looks (and this might be putting 2 and 2 together to make 6!) as if she was admitted to Charing Cross in Dec 2001. Possibly with jaundice, because they did HBV and HCV serology. Found both positive. They must have known about her surgery in July 1991. The time (4 months) would fit for either (or both) acute HBV or HCV. So why did they do nothing about it?

I will now write to Davies Arnold Cooper.

Pat

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gorman Angela  
**Sent:** 13 September 2002 11:51  
**To:** Hewitt Patricia  
**Subject:** RE: new hepatitis C claim

I wrote to Bart,s enclosing the LBF1 in March 2001.

I have a written report from Janet Watts at Brentwood (who traced the fate of the red cells) dated 17th Dec 2000: I had requested the fate in early December 2000.

The long delay in tracing the fate of this unit resulted from our efforts to identify a method for tracing old blood products & their fate: I had spent a considerable amount of time discussing with the IT & quality departments our problems in tracing records of blood donation fate : and finally in late 2000 we realised that

before a certain date our only resource was the store of old paper records. We had old computer records but these proved to be so age-damaged & incomplete that we abandoned these (& in fact disposed of the reader & records, as copies were held on paper). Janet Watts (who is one of only 2 members of staff with experience of these very old record searches, but works full time in Components..so her time is limited...) met me in Dec 2000 and embarked on a number of searches, including this one

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From: Hewitt Patricia  
To: Gorman Angela  
Subject: RE: new hepatitis C claim  
Date: Friday, September 13, 2002 11:09AM

Thanks Angela. I have the papers.

I think the Trust has muddled all this by asking Brian Colvin for an in-house opinion, but I presume that he set the Claims Manager straight.

There are a couple of points which need clarifying. It looks as if she was found both HCV and HBV pos some months after surgery (and was HBsAg neg beforehand), but I wonder if they did anything then? Still, that is for the Trust to sort out.

I am not quite sure from the documents you sent me when the LBF1 was sent to the hospital. There is a letter from the Transfusion Nurse Specialist to you in April 2001, but why did she write to you then? It looks as if [GRO-A] passed on a lookback form, but when did he get it? If the donor was detected in 1996, was the lookback done then? Could you clarify? Do you have copies of the LBF1 or a file which shows when the LBF1 was sent to the hospital? At the moment it looks as if the donor was picked up in 1996, but lookback was done in 2001. I am sure this is not right, but I have nothing else to clarify!

Pat