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Mr. Graham for a draft only please

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Dear Graham,
Anti-HCV Testing

As you may be aware, there are concerns within the Blood Transfusion Service about the proposal to implement anti-HCV testing in June 1990. We estimate that it will cost around £500,000 per annum within the North London Blood Transfusion Service in order to undertake the test, counsel donors and recruit to replace those 1% of donors who are HCV sero-positive. More worryingly, there is no way of validating the accuracy of the screening test and it is by no means clear what advice should be given to those who are sero-positive.

I would be grateful for your views on this.

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