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Dear Mr Murphy,

I am glad we managed to meet at Coventry to discuss the Society's position on hepatitis. I am enclosing a copy of the statement agreed at Coventry. We are now developing a strategy to put this into practice. There will be a short debate in the House of Lords on Thursday 1st December which will be an opportunity to generate political pressure. We will keep you informed of future developments. Please keep in contact as your case is a very good example of the inequality in the help available to people with HCV compared to HIV.

Please accept my apologies for not replying earlier.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Barker
Director of Services and Development

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HEPATITIS

At a meeting in Coventry on Saturday 19 November the Society's Executive Committee and Council agreed the following policy statement:

The Haemophilia Society is seeking the maximum help for people affected by hepatitis as a result of their NHS treatment.

There is considerable uncertainty in the area of prognosis and treatment of hepatitis.

We intend, as a priority, to press for help for those most affected, that is, the families of those who have died and those who are suffering illness as a result of hepatitis.

We will discuss with the government financial help for this group.

We will seek to ensure that haemophilia centres have all the resources necessary to ensure the best possible treatment and care for people with haemophilia and hepatitis.

We will press the medical and scientific community for urgent and thorough research into the prognosis and treatment for hepatitis.

For further information please contact Graham Barker, Director of Services and Development.

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