

Witness Name: Lee Terence Stay

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**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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**Re: Variant CJD**

I am writing to you about the situation concerning variant CJD in patients with haemophilia.

Because you were treated with clotting factors of British origin between the years 1980 and 2001, the Department of Health has advised us that you must be regarded as being at increased risk of variant CJD.

It is advised that:-

- ◆ You should not donate blood
- ◆ You should not donate any organs or tissues
- ◆ You should tell your dentist about your variant CJD risk, if you are having any dental treatment
- ◆ You should inform your doctor if you are having any medical or surgical procedures performed, so that special arrangements can be made for the instruments to be sterilised.

This week, it has been reported in the media that the abnormal protein that is the cause of variant CJD has been found in the spleen of a man with haemophilia.

With this letter you will find letters written by the Health Protection Agency which provides you with the relevant information about your situation.

I would particularly want to stress that no patient in the world with haemophilia has ever developed variant CJD. The patient whose spleen was found to have the abnormal variant CJD protein did not have any symptoms and died of unrelated causes at an old age. We now know that he received clotting factor treatment more than 10 years ago from a blood donor who subsequently developed variant CJD.

All the evidence suggests that the risk of variant CJD for people with haemophilia must be very low. The absolute degree of risk cannot be determined since thankfully no patient has ever developed that condition.

This is the latest in a series of theoretical problems to have befallen people with haemophilia over the past 25 years and I therefore want to make sure that you get in touch with us at any time if you do feel unsettled by these latest developments. The best telephone number to contact a doctor or nurse in the Centre is (01227) 783166.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr Winter

RE: Lee STAY DOB **GRO-1968**, **GRO-C** Kent  
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It came to light recently that this patient has received contaminated Factor VIII concentrate in the past. I enclose an exposure assessment form which was filled in Portsmouth some time ago but only came across recently. There is no record of this patient been counselled about his CJD risk.

**Yours sincerely**

*Electronically authorised and Signed*

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