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LEUKAEMIA PATIENT INFECTED WITH HIV

Line to take

The Department has just become aware of this case and is taking steps to establish the details. Until these are available we are unable to comment.

Background

We have been informed that a female patient with no known risk factors for HIV infection was diagnosed as having leukaemia in July and is believed to have become HIV positive between July and November 1996.

Investigations are underway to establish possible sources of infection.

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