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Mr **GRO-A**

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Dear Mr **GRO-A**

Thank you for your recent letter. Thank you also for enclosing the photocopied documents of your admission to hospital in 1981. You were admitted to hospital on the 17th November 1981 following an assault. You were stabbed in the back and testing of your urine for blood showed that it was heavily blood stained. You were assessed by the medical staff and they arranged for a number of investigations to be performed. That included an x-ray of your kidneys and an ultrasound of the affected area. In addition I can see that 2 units of blood were cross matched at that time. Unfortunately there is no record of whether or not those units of blood were actually transfused into you.

On your behalf Sister Helen Caldwell contacted the Blood Bank Manager at Aintree Hospital. They keep records for the last 11 years. They have no record of what happened to the cross matched blood in 1981.

I cannot see that it is possible for you to do any more detective work. You clearly document that you were admitted to Aintree Hospital with a serious injury and with bleeding into the urinary tract. Blood was cross matched for you. There is no record in your medical file or in the blood bank at Aintree Hospital to confirm that you received that transfusion. It seems quite possible that you were infected with hepatitis C as a consequence of transfusion at that time.

I cannot identify any other source of hepatitis C infection. You are not and have never been an intravenous drug user. Therefore treatment received in 1981 is a very possible cause of your hepatitis C infection. On your behalf I will write to Mr Foster the Administrator of the Skipton Fund and ask for clarification.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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Consultant Physician