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Dear Joy

HIV LITIGATION : HAEMOPHILIA

I've had a look at the Chronology document you sent up. I must confess it has been extremely useful - particularly that provided by Dr Ludlam.

Much of the data on the right hand side of the page is of considerable interest - I had not seen it before. I'm bound to say that the SNBTS was excluded from the key discussions (Item 9) which took place on 28th June 1984. I emphasise key because they provide the first evidence of a development (HIV-1 donation screening) which was not implemented until October 1985 - notwithstanding Item 21 which records that on 25th October 1984 "the CMO agrees that HIV testing is carried out". I suspect Item 22 is also a key record - "MS(H) declines funding for AIDS tests" and that this decision in November 1984 may have had a crucial bearing on the delays of the results of the initial evaluation of HIV tests (Item 29 - 13th February 1985) and perhaps the subsequent field evaluations (completed July/August 1985). You will recall that mass HIV-1 donation testing was commenced in the USA in March 1985 and not until October 1985 in the UK.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

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