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Thank you for your letter 6 April about the High Court Judgement on hepatitis C and the decision on whether to launch an appeal.

You will be aware by now that after careful consideration of all the issues involved, including those you raised yourself, we decided reluctantly not to appeal against this Judgement.

I know you will agree that urgent work is now needed to identify all the areas where the Judgement might impact, what might be done to reduce potential liability and how this might be implemented. The Department is taking this forward and will be in close contact with your officials.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

— I very much would want to work with you on this.

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