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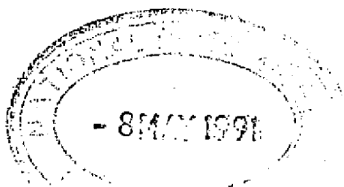
Dear Huw

DONATION TESTING : HCV

I received your copy letter to the UK BTS Directors (dated 2nd May) with quite profound dismay, which I suspect will be shared by all my SNBTS colleagues.

I cannot but conclude that this unilateral action is both disgraceful and mischievous. On a previous occasion I have expressed concern about NBTS management and have been taken to task when I used the word "shambles". Your action on HCV donation testing reveals, beyond doubt, that the NBTS is descending into a position now more accurately described as chaos. It seems to be dog eat dog time, Huw, and I would suggest it is also time when you should remove the heading National Blood Transfusion Service from your headed notepaper and time for you and any of your staff who serve UK BTS and/or NBTS committees and working parties to be excluded.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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If you want to be on your own, so be it. You will find it an operational and professional lonely spot and one which you should discuss carefully with your RHA legal advisers. I beg of you to reconsider the matter. Collective responsibility and security has much to commend it and if you can spare the time to study the HIV/haemophilia litigation papers, you should confirm this conclusion.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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