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Dear Harold

On Thursday I had a meeting with my Treasurer who said that it would be very difficult to find the monies for the introduction of anti-HCV screening of blood donations in 1990. He asked whether the provision of central funding would be considered by the Department of Health. Most districts in the North West Thames Region are overspent and he is doubtful whether the 2% growth given to all Regions for 1990/91 will cover most of the immediate programmes in the North West Thames Region. He asked whether I would consider anti-HCV testing as top priority (i.e. more important than shortening of the waiting lists) and I had to admit that I do not.

As you well know the sums of money involved for anti-HCV screening are considerable and it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to find the funding within existing resources.

I would like to discuss this item at the Division Meeting and for this reason I am copying this letter to Jean, Jack and Keith.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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