

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Hepatitis C Testing

DATE: 14 March 1991

The start date for HCV testing set by the National Directorate is currently 1st July. However two Centres in particular are unhappy about this. One of them is Cambridge.

The Procurement Directorate (PD) are looking at FOUR potential suppliers of HCV kits. One is not known in the U.K. and is believed to operate only in the U.S.A. They are said to be substantially cheaper than the other suppliers. The PD want to have several firms involved to enable them to obtain lower prices for the kits.

I do not know how much influence the PD will have over Transfusion Centres with regard to purchasing particular kits.

I suggest that we proceed as intended, as soon as a second generation kit is available.

We will need to negotiate a price, including a proviso that if a lower price is obtained, we will get all further supplies at that price.

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