

**SOUTH THAMES BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lorna Williamson - Cambridge BTC  
Angela Gorman - Brentwood BTC  
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**c.c.** Tony Martin Andy Wood  
John Bushrod Peter Garwood

**FROM:** Dr Sue Knowles

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**Re: HCV LOOK-BACK**

I received a phone call from Peter Flanagan yesterday, confirming that the look-back will go ahead on 3 April. He also confirmed that:

- 1) The DOH are centrally printing all the look-back forms; the drafts of which are enclosed. It is hoped that we shall be receiving these on Friday 31 March, together with the standard letters!
- 2) The CMO letter will be distributed on 3 April. The contents apparently have not been finalised, but it is expected to give the format of the look-back and contain examples of all the documents and counselling guidelines.
- 3) The NBS has been funded for testing recipients and I believe that it is left to the individual Transfusion Centre to nominate laboratories capable of performing both HCV serology and PCR.
- 4) Peter is not aware of any statement concerning funding for interferon therapy.

Peter (Garwood) wrote to you asking for views on the pooling of zonal resources in the look-back. The responses indicated that it would be preferable for us to conduct at least the first round of look-backs locally, but that we should consider sharing information on outcome at a later stage.

If anyone has gleaned any more than I have, please do share it!

GRO-C: R Hamilton

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Encl: (Peter's fax)  
File: HCV Look-back

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