

HW 22/3/95

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lookback

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FROM: Dr Sue Knowles

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Re: HCV LOOK-BACK

Many thanks for your reply to the previous memo on this subject. I now enclose a further request from Angela, received yesterday and would be grateful for your response to question (ii) as soon as possible. Namely, how many anti-HCV positive donors have been identified in your Centre and the number of their components, I presume, which were issued for direct clinical use.

From the information you have already provided, it seems that we could all generate a reasonably comprehensive list to our hospitals by 3 April. However, I have discussed the look-back with Pat and we share some concerns and think that 3 April is just not realistic.

In no particular order:

- 1) We all need access to the final look-back form, letters and follow-up proforma as soon as possible and with sufficient time to decide how best these can be handled locally,
- 2) Some of us with vast amounts of data would prefer to generate the look-back forms electronically and we need to persuade Angela that it is a desirable option.
- 3) We need to have knowledge of the entire look-back system before we go live i.e. clarification of testing sites, follow-up proforma and informed staff! Ideally, we should have access to the contents of the CMO letter a few hours before our hospital colleagues.

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- 4) It would be desirable, with knowledge of all these facts, if we could be spared some days to think through our local systems and ensure that we have the necessary clerical and medical staff familiar with the procedures.
- 5) Ideally, we should be planning how to generate zonal patient outcome data from the look-back.

I have written to Angela expressing these concerns. If you have any further comments, please let me know and I'll pass them on with the numbers of anti-HCV positive donors/components from our Zone.

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