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Dear Kewydown,

Please excuse handwritten letter: my Secretary is off Sick!

Re: Hcv look-back

We agree in principle that look-back to recipients of blood from donors now found HCV positive is something which should be pursued. Those recipients who have survived so far could be identified and counselled, and some will need further investigation and treatment. The scale of clinical involvement here needs to be assessed, and costs of treatment determined, and money found! Not easy. Hepatologists should be on board.

We think around 150 patients may exist on our patch. We don't have the resources at this stage to undertake this extra work.

Obviously this should be a largely self-limited problem. Since the number of recipients infected through blood products should in theory now be virtually nil.

The powers that be need to address legal issues arising though they should parallel HIV history from 1982-85. Public education will be essential (including the media).

I hope this helps

Regards,

GRO-C