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Dear Fereydoun

Re: HCV Look Back Ad Hoc MSBT Advisory Committee

Thank you for your rapid and helpful response, the issues you raised I have now incorporated into my response, meeting the 31st January 1995 deadline.

I am now enclosing some of the remaining documents for information, consideration and feedback if necessary before the next meeting planned for 24th February 1995.

1. Restricted Policy document - notes and action from the first meeting of Hepatitis C Look Back Working Party.
2. Papers submitted by Harold Thomas
3. Letter from Dr Gorst - re a system to ease the task of collecting and monitoring the data.

The tasks remaining for the transfusion services before the next MSBT Ad Hoc Working Party (WP) are as follows: -

1. Draft letters with legal advice to notify: -
 - (a) Hospital Haematologist in charge of blood bank
 - (b) Hospital Consultant
 - (c) Recipient
 - (d) GP (this needs further debate at the WP i.e. informed consent may be needed before contacting the GP e.g. life insurance/recipients individual preference)

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2. Format of presentation of data, means of returning data to RTC, collation, cross referencing and monitoring of progress of the HCV Look Back at hospital and RTC level.

3. Guidance on counselling.

I have asked Pat Hewitt, together with the NBA legal advisors, to draft the standard letters required before the next meeting. I have undertaken to liaise with Jack Gillon on this issue so we can agree a common standard format.

Peter Flanagan has agreed to draft data collection/questionnaire forms for each stage of the HCV Look Back to ensure the trail leads back to the RTC for collation and follow up in a systematic, straightforward manner.

I have asked Jack Gillon if he will liaise with myself and Pat Hewitt to ensure there is collaboration on the updating of UK BTS Guidelines on counselling individuals who are HCV positive.

Hopefully there will be a chance for each of my "expert team" to comment on the final draft proposals covering each of these 3 issues prior to the next MSBT WP meeting on 24th February.

Meanwhile, thank you again for your valued input to date, without it I would have difficulty achieving the desired outcome from the NBS point of view.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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cc Dr P Hewitt