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Dear Angela

Re: Hepatitis C Lookback

Thank you for your letter dated 26th March concerning the above.

The HCV Lookback programme applies to all previous donations of established donors who were found to be positive for anti-HCV, once anti-HCV antibody screening was introduced in September 1991. There is therefore no end date to the exercise until such time as we believe we have traced all such donors and their donations. Hence the 1985 - 1989 donations of your donor who reappeared in March 1996 as an anti-HCV positive individual falls into the Lookback Exercise unless he can be shown to be a sero-converter in the interim period, i.e. anti-HCV sero-negative post September 1991.

The easiest way to respond to the second part of your letter is to enclose a copy of a DoH letter to a GP who raised a similar question re funding for HCV Lookback identified recipients. I am happy for you to copy this letter on to GP's within your area who have raised this question re funding.

Hope this helps to clarify the situation for you.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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