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Dear Dr. Harrison,

The PHLS has been collaborating with the National Blood Authority to collate data on persons tested for Hepatitis C antibody after the publicity surrounding the "lookback" and the Panorama programme. You will be reassured to know that over 2,000 tests were performed in PHLS between January 16th and February 10th and that, although not all results have been received, only 11 positive recipients have been identified so far. We agreed with Dr Robinson that, where the consent of the patient is given, CDSC will:

1. Inform the RTC in the region where the patient was recently tested.
2. Inform the RTC in the region where the initial transfusion was issued.
3. Inform the NBA.

I am therefore writing to inform you of patients who have tested anti-HCV positive who are currently either residing in your area or who were transfused in a hospital in your area in the past. Please liaise with your local Public Health laboratory if you require any further details.

If you have any queries about this list, please let me know. CDSC will continue to send you further information on people who test positive as it arises.

With best wishes,

GRO-C

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