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YOUR REF:

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Dear Nicky,

Hep. C. Lookback

I am sorry to seem unhelpful here, but I need to make two points and ask two questions. First we do not have the spare secretarial time here to send out your letter on these patients and I suggest that you find the staff at NBSSW to do this. Second I do not recall any instruction from DoH that individual consultants should not counsel their own patients about Hepatitis C whenever they feel that such a discussion is appropriate. Do send me your information pack for my patient **GRO-A** if you wish and I shall see what I think of it. Experience suggests that counselling cannot be done by the book.

Finally the questions are how much money does my budget get for this exercise which has already consumed a great deal of our time and secondly are we legally obliged to use your laboratory for further Hep. C testing?

Happy New Year.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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