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For the Attention of: **MR RAB PANTON**

Company Name: **ME - SHHD**

From: **MR DAVID McINTOSH**

Reference: **HEPATITIS C LOOK-BACK**

Date: **19 May, 1994**

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Further to my note of 18 May on the SNBTS Policy Position on HCV, and our telephone conversation yesterday, this is to confirm that:

- 1 The Medical & Scientific Committee (MSC) of the SNBTS has now formally recommended to me that the Service should implement a look-back policy without delay.
- 2 I am satisfied that the medical and scientific reasons for this, combined with good ethical and legal arguments, as well as the obvious public relations implications, give me sufficient grounds for the immediate acceptance of the MSC's recommendation.
- 3 I would therefore intend to give colleagues in England, Wales and Northern Ireland prior warning of our intentions and to activate look-back with effect from 1 June, 1994.

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- 4 The cost of this move will not be excessive and will, if necessary, be met from within existing SNBTS resources. There are, however, likely to be some knock-on costs - particularly in relation to the cost of care of such patients as may prove to require treatment. You may wish to consult hepatologists on this point.

Press interest is already considerable but we believe we can hold to the position in the policy paper (attached) for some few days more.

We will make no further formal announcements on this until Tuesday of next week, to give you time to consult at your end. Please do let me know if you have any comments that you would wish us to take into account.

Best Wishes,

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David McIntosh  
General Manager.

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