

Witness Name: Ingrid Western

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN2062020

Ingrid Western

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Dr G. Dusheiko
The Royal Free Hospital
Pond Street
London NW3 2QG

10th April 1995

Patient No: 525484

Dear Dr Dusheiko,

I am writing to you as I am concerned that I have not yet been in for my liver biopsy. It has now been approximately five months (since last December) from my last visit to Dr Wonke to remove the iron from my liver and I have still not been in for the biopsy prior to my alpha Interferon treatment. I was originally booked into Hassall ward for 8th February but the ward was closed for sometime due to a virus. I was then re-scheduled to come in on Monday 3rd April, but no beds were available nor have been available since that time.

When I last had a liver biopsy, some 2 years ago, I was not required to stay in overnight and I wonder if it would not be possible for this to be done again in the same way to avoid the problem of a bed not being available.

As you can imagine, I wish to begin the treatment as soon as possible as I have had Hepatitis C for what would appear to be at least six years now. When I last saw Dr Wonke, she suggested that it would be best for me to begin the treatment as soon as possible, and as I mentioned, that was a good five or six months ago.

I do appreciate that there is probably a "back-log" of admissions on to Hassall ward due to it being closed for a few weeks but I am very keen to proceed with things as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and best wishes.

yours sincerely,

GRO-C

Ingrid Western

*Arrange admission
On waiting list since
9.1.95*