

27/11/97

Phone call from Della Husch
re: CJD + blood
products on news last night.
Very angry. Nicholas does not
get/remember 4 yrs
ago. Discussed unknowns
+ very frustrated.

Don't want letter sent to
Nicholas + discussed that
he has a right to know
afraid "he will top
himself" as he is "fragile"
anxiety

discussed major
risks. Nicholas vegetarian
for last 5 yrs +
Chris Harwood also spoke
to Mrs Husch

Notes will try to discuss
in a general way + try to
get Nicholas to come
to discuss CJD + ask
not - want

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2/12/97

Mrs Husch rang me.

Insisted that a letter re: CJD should not be
sent to Nicholas. She had consulted her G.P.
who felt it was "an appalling way to give
information." She feels strongly that Nicholas
does not need to know. I explained that since
he is aged 21 we should be informing Nicholas
in his own right. After some discussion
we agreed that a letter could be sent with
general issues re: CJD + asking him to
make an appointment to discuss. I stated
that I would need to O.K. this with Dr Pasi

HISTORY SHEET

Hospital No.

Surname

First Names

D. of B.

HIRSCH

NICHOLAS

MIC
MISW

DATE

CLINICAL NOTES: (Each entry must be signed)

3.12.97

as acting Centre Director. She agreed to phone me back at 5 ish on my bleep. I agreed with her that it was preferable to discuss this issue with Nicholas in person in the Centre. She has not raised the subject with Nicholas. Did not receive telephone call back though I was in the Centre till 7pm. I tried to ring her on work number & was told she had left.

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Nicholas attended to pick up home treatment. Dr Dand Penny & I saw him to discuss CJD + lack of evidence of transmission via blood or blood products. Informed him that he had received recalled batch 84 FHB4419 in 1995. His main concern was Hep C & the possibility of starting combination therapy. Given letter with info from the consultant staff. Asked him how parents would react - he said mother would "go ballistic but it would be O.K.". Discussed difficulty of unknowns. Discussed recombinant treatment & difficulty in obtaining approval to use this & issues of U.K vs. Commercial Concentrate. Strongly encouraged to contact us to arrange another meeting if he has further concerns about treatment.

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3pm

Mrs Hirsch rang me. Very angry & upset that Nicholas was told. Wanted to know who's decision this was. I stated that the decision to inform all patients had been taken by the three consultant staff. She will contact Riva in the morning.

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