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Mrs Murphy

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Dear Mrs Murphy,

I was glad we managed to meet at Coventry. As I explained I am sorry that I did not manage to reply to your letter before the weekend.

I am enclosing a copy of the statement that was agreed by the Executive Committee and Council which makes it clear that the Society will be looking to the Government for financial help. We will be looking for opportunities to put pressure on the Government and there is a short debate in the House of Lords on this subject next week.

There may be occasions when we would like to use your case to demonstrate the inequality in the help available to people infected with HIV compared with HCV.

I will keep in touch. Please let me know of any responses you get from the Secretary of State and your MP.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C

Graham Barker
Director of Services and Development

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HEPATITIS

At a meeting in Coventry on Saturday 19 November the Society's Executive Committee and Council agreed the following policy statement:

The Haemophilia Society is seeking the maximum help for people affected by hepatitis as a result of their NHS treatment.

There is considerable uncertainty in the area of prognosis and treatment of hepatitis.

We intend, as a priority, to press for help for those most affected, that is, the families of those who have died and those who are suffering illness as a result of hepatitis.

We will discuss with the government financial help for this group.

We will seek to ensure that haemophilia centres have all the resources necessary to ensure the best possible treatment and care for people with haemophilia and hepatitis.

We will press the medical and scientific community for urgent and thorough research into the prognosis and treatment for hepatitis.

For further information please contact Graham Barker, Director of Services and Development.

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