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Dear Colleague

DONATION TESTING : HCV

You will have heard that Newcastle RTC has commenced HCV donation testing.

DOH are deeply concerned about this but we doubt they will wish or be able to intervene. We will learn, in the next 48 hours, whether DOH are prepared to move against Newcastle. Meanwhile, all NBTS Centre Directors have agreed not to implement donation testing.

What seems, at the present time, a more likely outcome is that a modification of the planned national Ortho/Abbott evaluation will be established and Newcastle will be brought in as one of the Centres. If this course of action develops there will unquestionably arise an opportunity for at least one SNBTS Centre to be involved in the national evaluation. I suspect that the modification, referred to above, may entail for the participating Centre full donation screening.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

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It's all a mess but bear with us. I'll keep you informed
of any developments.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

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