Witness Name: Margaret Sharpe

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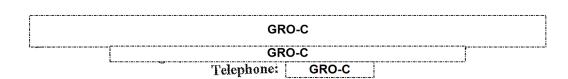
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT

OF MARGARET SHARPE



Dr Cramp Hepatology Department Level 7 Derriford Hospital Derriford Road Plymouth PL6 8DH

FAX: GRO-C

23rd April 2015

Dear Dr Cramp



I would be most grateful if you would kindly arrange to see this 64 year old lady, who has requested a second opinion and for you to take over her care. She is a lady who was diagnosed in 2013, after some routine blood tests, to have hepatitis C. This was likely contracted in the 1970s by some 6 blood transfusions that she went under at that time, following a significant road traffic accident.

Mrs Sharpe has subsequently been treated with triple therapy and I enclose some of the correspondence regarding this. Unfortunately it was stopped towards the end of her course due to significant cerebella symptoms and a rash that developed. Following this, she did appear to have cleared the infection, but unfortunately more recently her blood tests reflected a higher viral load, and despite being advised early in February that ultrasound was normal, she has been more recently advised in a less than diplomatic way that she has cirrhosis. This obviously caused her a great deal of anxiety and concern, and despite attempting to get further advise from the Hepatitis Nurse regarding the new treatment that she is due to potentially start, she has heard little more. She is therefore keen now to look at further specialist opinion from yourself and I would be grateful if this could be arranged.

I enclose some of the correspondence to help with her to date.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Dr GRO-C