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HCV LOOKBACK: SCOTTISH PROGRESS REPORT

North

All donations have been traced back as far as records would allow (1979). All available archive samples have been tested revealing 2 seroconversions. The lookback process included only positives and the last "true" negative.

Of 11 patients still alive, 5 have been contacted, all are anti-HCV positive. Ten components were sent to other centres, eg ABSD, Colindale and they have been notified.

West

All donations/components have been traced (back to 1985) and consultant haematologists in West RTC region have been contacted by WRTC.

Concern has been expressed by West of Scotland Consultant Haematologists at the amount of time and effort the lookback process will demand of them. Apparently the Chair of that Group will be writing to Dr A Keel to request that SOHHD provide funding for this work.

North East

All relevant donations have been traced back to 1982. Archive samples were available for 70 of 77 donations and all were anti-HCV positive. Thirty patients have been identified of whom 12 were alive and 4 have not yet been fully identified.

Reluctance encountered on the part of consultant haematologists and GPs with respect to "seeing" patients. Of those contacted 40% have agreed to do so but 40% have declined and 20% have not responded. In these latter instances NERTC will undertake counselling.

Professor J Cash will follow this matter up with Trust General Managers.

Of 3 neonates for whom anti-HCV positive (retrospectively tested) components were issued, one was anti-HCV negative, one had yet to be tested and for the third there was no record of the component having been transfused.

East

All donations have been traced back to 1985. Patients not yet contacted.

South East

All relevant donations traced. All recipients contacted.

Summary

Implementation process has been problematic. Apparent delays/misunderstandings in receipt of documentation from SOHHD and typographical/factual errors in content of standard letters. However, good progress is being made.

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