

Witness Name: D Tonkin  
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**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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**EXHIBIT WITN1567003**

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## The Queen Elizabeth Hospital

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Please reply to: Haemophilia Unit

Your ref:

Our ref: JTW/AG/X834226/4

21st February 1994

Mr David Tonkin

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Dear David,

We are currently reviewing all our patients who have received coagulation factor concentrates in the past to see whether they have evidence of chronic inflammation of the liver caused by the Hepatitis C virus. It is well recognised that prior to heat treatment of concentrates, Hepatitis C virus was very readily transmitted in factor concentrates. In some individuals the virus settles in the liver and causes chronic inflammation. It has recently been shown that the drug, interferon, can eradicate the Hepatitis C virus from the liver in some people. Over the last 2 years a test has become available to detect the presence of the immune response to Hepatitis C in the blood indicating exposure to the virus. This test has been performed on your blood and, as you may already be aware, is positive. This does not necessarily mean that there is ongoing liver inflammation. However there is a new test available which detects the actual Hepatitis C virus in the blood stream which is an indicator that there is ongoing infection in the liver.

We are setting up a joint clinic with the liver doctors so that we can discuss Hepatitis C infection with you further, and with your agreement, take the opportunity to perform this new test. We would then see you at a follow-up appointment to discuss the implications of the test result and work out an appropriate management plan. An appointment has been made available for you to attend on:

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 1994 AT 3.40pm

You should report to the liver Out-patient Clinic on the ground floor in Muffield House at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. If you are unable to keep this appointment, please let April, Dr Wilde's Secretary, know on extension **GRO-C**

Yours sincerely,

**GRO-C**

Jonathan Wilde  
Consultant Haematologist  
Director of Haemophilia U.

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