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To: Aileen Keel**From:** Philip Cachia**Fax:** **GRO-C****Pages:** 1**Phone:** [REDACTED]**Date:** 08/09/99**Re:** HCV and Haemophilia/VWD in Tayside**CC:**

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• Dear Aileen,

Further to our telephone conversation, I have spoken to Christopher Ludlam's secretary who confirmed that the numbers of patients with HCV he quoted for the East of Scotland includes the Tayside patients.

On reviewing previous Oxford annual returns, I can identify 8 individuals with Haemophilia A or B who have died prior to 1992. These patients were not known to any of the Haematologists currently in post. I could attempt to trace their case notes but suspect it would be more fruitful to approach Oxford for the cause of death. Please let me know if you would like me to try and obtain any further information locally. One other complicating factor is that there are some deaths post-1992 (virus related) for patients registered in Dundee but who attended Edinburgh exclusively. It will be important to make sure that they are not counted twice if they were also registered in Edinburgh.

Currently I have 34 patients with Haemophilia (A or B) attending the Dundee Centre on a regular basis. 13 are HCV antibody negative and 21 antibody positive. Two of the Ab positive patients are PCR negative. There are also 3 patients with vWD who are HCV positive. Several patients are currently on a trial of Interferon/ribavirin therapy and one patient has had a successful liver transplant but still has HCV viraemia. I am not aware of any patient who has died of HCV related problems although there are another two patients with cirrhosis who may be candidates for liver transplantation.

I hope this information is helpful.

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