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MR EDWARD CONWAY
C/O MRS CHRISTINA MCLAUGHLIN

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Dear MR CONWAY

As we agreed when I saw you at my clinic on 31 May 2019, I am writing to update you on the results of your investigations.

Hepatitis C blood test

I am delighted to report that your hepatitis C PCR result has just arrived back and is negative. This means that the hepatitis C virus is not detectable in your blood test. We would consider this to mean that the hepatitis C virus has now been cleared from your system. There should be no need for further hepatitis C treatment and we do not normally carry out any further follow-up hepatitis C blood tests. I have enclosed a copy of the result for your reassurance.

Liver scan results

As you know, your follow-up ultrasound scan from 31 May 2019 showed a small 1cm hypoechoic area that was not present on your previous ultrasound scan in November 2018. This meant that we had to carry out a more detailed scan of your liver with an MRI. Your MRI scan from 7 June 2019 has confirmed that there is a small nodule (approximately 1cm) in the liver. This nodule **does not** have the typical features of a liver tumour. The Radiologists have classified it as an indeterminate subcentimetre nodule. In addition it is reassuring to note that your latest alpha fetoprotein blood test remains normal. However it will be very important that we follow-up this small nodule and therefore I would like you to have a repeat MRI scan of your liver in Altnagelvin Hospital in three months. I will make all of the necessary arrangements for your follow-up scan through my colleague, Dr Ferguson, and you will receive an appointment in due course from Altnagelvin.

Again, as we had previously agreed, I spoke with your sister Mrs McLaughlin by telephone this afternoon to explain all of the above to her. I did not have your hepatitis C PCR result when I spoke with Mrs McLaughlin but it became available on LabCentre a few hours later and I am delighted to be able to confirm the PCR test was negative. I have enclosed a copy of your scan results as requested by Mrs McLaughlin. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you would like me to clarify any of the details further.

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I will make contact with you again in three months whenever the result of your follow-up MRI scan is available to let you know your longer-term follow-up requirements. In keeping with your wishes, I will not arrange a further appointment at our clinic in Belfast and will try to facilitate everything through your local hospital.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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