

Mr Leason

AIDS: HEAT TREATED FACTOR VIII

I have now spoken to Dr Dale Lawrence CDC. Since he discussed with CMO the haemophiliac case who has evidence of sero conversion after receiving heat treated Factor VIII he has been following the case up with Armour. Through them he has also spoken to the clinician involved at the Lewisham Haemophilia Centre.

Dr Lawrence has sought the clinicians co-operation in obtaining a sample of blood from this patient in order to isolate the virus so as to ensure that the apparent sero conversion is not simply due to passive antibody transfer. The patient who remains well has yet to be approached and this will not occur until the physicians return from annual leave.

Dr Lawrence expects to be at the AIDS conference in Paris 23-25 June when any collaboration over the virus isolation can be discussed. In the meantime I am contacting PHLS and Professor Weiss to ask if they would be willing to assist.

Dr Rotblat's note of the case which was submitted to the EAGA is attached.

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