

Extract from letter of 13th August, 1946 from Dr. Robb-Smith, Pathological Department, Radcliffe Infirmary.

Dear Sir Philip,

.....At the recent meeting of the Association of Clinical Pathologists, Dr. Janet Vaughan gave an interesting paper on the follow-up of plasma and blood transfusions with regard to development of jaundice, and the point was raised, as to whether the relatives of a recipient of plasma who developed jaundice, and either was just ill, or actually died, might sue the hospital, or the blood transfusion service, for causing the complications, and if so what was the position. I do not know whether the matter has been looked into at the ministry. I think it is of some importance because no doubt quite a lot of plasma is given not from clinical necessity, but from clinical convenience, and in such cases, where in fact the better treatment would have been blood, the question does arise as to liability, and I should be interested to know whether any observations have been made with regard to this.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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