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Dear John

HEPATITIS C TESTING

I propose to request that this item be discussed at some point when we are together for the forthcoming Board Meeting. The recent newspaper and television attention has emphasised the importance of being able to make enhance and positive statements about the completeness of the safety testing carried out on our blood donations; the fact that some Centres are carrying out testing, albeit on a large pilot study basis, leaves us in a very exposed position.

I would like to be reassured that we are taking the correct decision, both professionally and medical legally, to stay in line with the positions of the majority of English RHA's; I think this is in fact what we are now doing rather than abiding by a Department of Health policy because it seems to me that de facto, may no longer be a Department of Health policy in this area.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

Dr D B L McClelland
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cc Mr David B McIntosh

*Dictated MDW
to Board 11/12/June*

