

We are two haemophiliacs and one partner who have recently set up Haemophilia North for any haemophiliac or person with a bleeding disorder who is virally infected and their family members or partner who wish to join us in supporting and sharing information with each other. We felt the above was a need that was not being met in the north east.

We recognise as our numbers grow smaller, our voices need to be stronger. We formed this group because we realised how isolated we had become with no one in a similar situation with which to talk about our difficulties living with viruses.

Haemophilia North is not connected with any other organisation. The following are what we hope to share and achieve.

- 1 Update on recent HCV settlements and legal action.
- 2 Treatment update with regard to recombinant.
- 3 Support network.
- 4 Telephone and email help line.
- 5 Monthly update by news letter.
- 6 Social nights for the affected and separate nights for partners and family, to be followed by a social for all.
- 7 Information on complementary therapies and local facilities.
- 8 MacFarlane Trust feedback (two of us are on the partnership group)
- 9 Talks by Haemophilia society HIV and HCV workers.
- 10 How the 18 remaining can help progress treatment and related issues.
- 11 Arrangements can be made to visit those who are unable to attend meetings.

If any of the above interests you then contact us at the above address or either of the telephone numbers or email addresses given.