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Section 64 grant : Manor House

PS(H) had a meeting on 20 March with representatives of the Manor House Group, which is a special interest group of the Haemophilia Society, for those infected with hepatitis C. One of the topics discussed, on which we have been asked to advise Ministers, is whether they might qualify for a Section 64 grant. I have drafted the material below and would be grateful if you would check its accuracy, letting me have your comments by 9 April.

"The Manor House Group has never applied for a Section 64 grant. Some members enquired in 1995 about financial help for the Group. Officials explained how to apply and enclosed the guidance notes for the Section 64 scheme. They mentioned that rules precluded grants being made which would duplicate existing provision, but advised the Group to apply if they felt they might qualify. As the Group seems to have little if any formal organisation, there seems to be some doubt also about whether they would meet requirements about status of the organisation, charity registration (if appropriate), and accounts. However, it may be impolitic to appear to discourage them from applying, despite the competition for available funding. If they wish to apply for a grant, they can obtain details and an application form from branch SC2 at Wellington House. Completed applications are due in by 1 October, for the following financial year."

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