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Dear David

UK BTS : HCV DONATION TESTING : START DATE

You will want to know that our NBTS colleagues are struggling, on a number of accounts, to meet the 1st July deadline, as previously discussed and I thought agreed. We believe the fundamental problem is one of financial resourcing.

At a meeting of the UK BTS Advisory Committee on Transfusion Transmitted Diseases in Manchester on Monday last, the following was agreed:

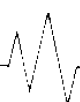
- (a) Harold Gunson would advise DOH that the 1st July start date should be delayed until such time as an evaluation of the new generation of HCV screening tests had been completed. If this is accepted it could push a start date to September. Both Ruthven and I supported this proposal.
- (b) The definition of a start date now proposed will be exactly as stated - the date when routine HCV donation testing will commence. NBTS colleagues do not wish to accept the original proposal (which applied to HIV-1 testing) that the definition of a start date would be that on that date all RTC products issued would have been HCV tested.

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*Mr Hogg 21/4/91
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We can't go to
the Minister
until we know
the start date*

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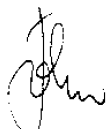


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Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

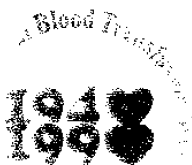


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