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Dr Jack Gillon
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Dear Jack

DONOR COUNSELLING: HCV

The SNBTS Directors believe it is now very important that UK BTS prepares itself for the commencement of full anti-HCV donation screening. As part of this exercise, they believe a high priority should now be given to producing operational guidelines for BTS doctors (or other doctors engaged by the BTS), in the context of counselling anti-HCV confirmed +ve donors. Included in such guidelines would, of course for the SNBTS, be the facility for onward referral to specialist clinical teams. Looking at the position today, now that we know we will have access to confirmation testing, we are now placed, operationally, in an almost identical position as with HIV-1 testing. (It may be identical by the time we start.)

The Directors would be most grateful if you would Chair a small group (that included Dr George Galea and Dr Bob Crawford) and come up with an appropriate first draft Guideline for consideration by the Directors on AUGUST 14th. I'd also be most grateful if you would keep Dr Harold Gunson in touch with your activities as we would like to see as much harmonisation north and south of the Border as possible.

Please give me a ring if you wish to discuss the matter further at this stage.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

John D Cash
National Medical & Scientific Director

cc: Dr Crawford, Dr Galea
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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD