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HEPATITIS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Project number J/S240/78/7 (attached).

I don't seem to have inherited the file on this project from so I am addressing my "customer" appraisal on the above report to you. I should be grateful if you could pass it on, as necessary.

I have heard deliver several talks covering the content of the report. These talks have been well received by Haemophilia Centre Directors, Regional Transfusion Directors etc and it is generally acknowledged that et al are performing a valuable and necessary study.

The study has 1 more year to run and I would have no hesitation in supporting it. I see that is proposing to make an application to the Small Grants Committee to study whether patients with mild coagulation defects with minimal previous exposure to blood products, should be treated with special coagulation concentrates made from a small pool of donors to minimise the risk of hepatitis in this susceptible group. I would certainly endorse such a project.

A valuable spin-off from research, of which I am aware, is that documentation on the type, quantity and source of FVIII administered to haemophiliacs is now much more accurately known. The organisation of these returns from haemophilia centres has, of itself, been no small task.

I think we are getting value for money!

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