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Dear John

HEPATITIS C LOOKBACK EXERCISE

As Angela may have told you, MSBT discussed progress with the lookback exercise at its January meeting and was told that, following that meeting, an interim report was to be submitted to Ministers.

Ministers have now considered the views of the MSBT. They have agreed that the current strategy should continue, but that where there are particular problems, the NBS should communicate further with the hospitals concerned and offer assistance in overcoming the bottlenecks in those hospitals which have major backlogs.

I would be grateful if the NBS could take the appropriate action.

Yours

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