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Mr J T Donald
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Dear

HIV PATIENTS INFECTED BY TRANSFUSION

My letter of the 17th December was written out of a serious concern that this issue would return to haunt us just as soon as the haemophiliacs' cases were settled, and that the effect on the Service would well be very damaging.

Now, as practically all the national dailies follow The Observer's lead and closer to home STV give the subject exposure on prime time news (interviewing an HIV patient on camera directly in front of the Edinburgh Donor Centre), the heat under this one is really being turned up in earnest.

It is very hard to predict accurately what the precise effect on our donor base will be, except to say that it certainly won't be positive! It is however likely to be very seriously damaging - and therefore costly.

Quite apart from the moral and political arguments in favour of settling these claims quickly - which surely must be very compelling in themselves - I really do think we could make a good case based purely on managerial common sense and cost effectiveness.

If you approve, I would be most grateful for a chance for you and I to get together in the near future to discuss how we might best proceed.

Yours sincerely

David B McIntosh
Divisional General Manager