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Dear *Hannah*

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I am sorry about the delay in replying to you about this patient.

Firstly, I do not believe that she requires a repeat liver biopsy.

Her liver biopsy in 1995 showed an established cirrhosis and I reviewed this recently. There are some lymphocytes in the parenchyma with slight activity at the margins of the nodules so that she probably has a very mild continuing hepatitis.

The position is as I wrote to Frank Dunn last October. Interferon could be used but the chances of her clearing the virus given that she has cirrhosis must be around 20 to 25% only. This is after treatment three times a week for at least a year.

The other problem is that the Trust will not pay for this treatment. I have learned that the Greater Glasgow Health Board has given money to two centres at the Royal Infirmary and the Western Infirmary to treat a number of patients. I have been in touch with John Morris there who is a new Consultant Gastroenterologist and he is running the service. He has indicated his willingness to see any patients from Stobhill who are hepatitis C positive and to consider them for Interferon. He may for the purposes of his study require further liver biopsy.

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Given this lady's other problems I would doubt very much if she is a candidate for Interferon but if you would like her to be considered for this then either myself or yourself would need to refer her to John Morris. Please let me know if you would like me to do this.

Yours sincerely

J.A.H. FORREST

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