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**"Re: Archer correspondence lines"**

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SubjectRe: Archer correspondence  
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Dear Liz,

I agree, but thought it was best to mention just in case any others had come to mind.

Also, she was very impressed with you personally and greatly appreciated your thorough and helpful briefing at the meeting.

Thank you very much,

Morven Smith

Assistant Private Secretary  
Minister of State for Public Health  
Department of Health  
Richmond House  
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Morven

My team will certainly aim to craft a short clear and sympathetic letter reflecting MS(PH)'s desire to stick to the Government line and close down this issue.

We also had an interesting conversation with her about whether there were comparable issues in OGDs - and we touched on asbestos (MoJ), and nuclear bomb testing (MoD). She also described a similar issue she was responsible for at FCO about a group of islanders who had been forcibly evicted from their land in times past (I forget the name of the island). We will certainly carry on thinking about whether there are any other examples - and bring them to your attention if we think of any. However, I don't think MS(PH) herself was expecting any further information about any of these.

Thanks for your help today.

Liz Woodeson  
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Dear Liz,

As per your recent meeting with MS(PH) regarding Lord Archer' Independent Inquiry into contaminated NHS blood and blood products.

Action Points

- Are there comparable issues in OGDs? Why do these issues differ? What kind of financial relief do those affected by issues in OGDs receive? What is the reasoning behind this level of relief? What kind of lobbying is associated with these issues?
- Redrafting correspondence lines. You agreed with MS(PH) that the current lines are too long and will need to be edited for response to letters.



I have attached the lines as they stand now - Archer report standard CSC version.doc and the shorter



version originally drafted by Ian Matthews - Archer report standard CSC version shorter version.doc .

MS(PH) would also like to include a sympathetic paragraph (as below) at the beginning of the response:

*I would like to extend my personal sympathy to the patients and families who have suffered as a result of being treated with inadvertently contaminated NHS blood and blood products.*

In general, the response should be sympathetic and as informative as possible. As you are aware there are 47 POs awaiting lines including 5 overdue No. 10 cases and MS(PH) wants to ensure the lines are just right before cases are drafted.

Thanks,

Morven Smith

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Morven

I have looked at these and made a couple of small tweaks. I am not clear which of these versions will be used by correspondence but have made the same changes to both so it won't matter from my point of view which they work from.

I assume it will be for you to give these to correspondence? But let me know if you want me to do anything.



Archer report standard CSC version.doc Archer report standard Ian Matthews version.doc

Liz Woodeson  
Director of Health Protection





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Subject Archer correspondence lines

Dear Liz,

As per our conversation last night, here are the two versions of the correspondence lines. I haven't shown these to MS(PH) yet. I will hold them until I hear from you and it's probably best if I keep them back until you have briefed MS(PH) on the issues and background. Let me know if you have any comments. The contact in Correspondence is Cameron Gordon  as Jacky Buchan (Team Leader for MS(PH) Correspondence) is unable to get into work for the next couple of days due to the tube strike.



Archer report standard CSC version.doc



Archer report standard Ian Matthews version.doc

**Sarah E** - Could you please speak to Laura Kennedy (Liz's PA) to arrange a meeting between MS(PH) and Liz on Thursday (11 June) afternoon for a half hour briefing meeting on the Archer Inquiry and attendant issues surrounding the Government response?

Thank you,

Morven Smith

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