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To note. You may
have to take this forward

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LEAFLET FOR BLOOD DONORS RE AIDS

A new leaflet was issued in January 1985 updating one produced in 1983. Rapid developments are taking place in knowledge about this disease and in our response to it. The leaflet has had to be revised yet again principally because of the imminent introduction of a screening test for antibodies to the AIDS virus. In future it will be a requirement that would be donors consent to their blood being subjected to this test. It is also very important that the introduction of the test does not dilute the message that high risk groups should not donate.

It is important that Regions ensure distribution of this leaflet to all donors individually. As this distribution policy was set out in HC(85)3 in respect of the January 1985 edition, it does not seem to justify issue of a further HC on this occasion. I propose to issue a Dear GM instead.

A copy of the draft "Dear GM" is attached.

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