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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE VIROLOGICAL SAFETY OF BLOOD

I attach a Paper supporting the formation of a new advisory committee to provide advice to the Chief Medical Officers on the virological safety of blood, and on which our officials have consulted.

We recently corresponded on the establishment of the new management arrangements for the National Blood Transfusion Service and it seems timely that the Blood Transfusion Services and all other interested parties should act in unison on this important matter.

We therefore support these proposals and the terms of reference, and I would be grateful for your agreement.

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