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Mr. Godber

ACTION ON HTLV/AIDS

I am not sure that I can be available for Secretary of State's meeting this afternoon, so some supplementary points:

1) I agree with the CMO's proposal for an in-house multi-disciplinary steering group but "in-house" has to mean in Government and not just in DHSS.

2) There are policy issues going wider than is covered by CMO's analysis and action programme. In particular:

a) All Crown employers should accept a full/ career responsibility for invalidity and health care e.g Armed Forces, Police, Prison Service are already having to address the implications of Aids for their recruitment and acceptance procedures.

b) The same kind of issues arise in the field of life insurance and the Department of Trade and Industry and the Association of British Insurers are, I think, seized of the point.

I have no doubt that other issues will arise as the rest of Government becomes aware of the implications of Aids. Departments like the Home Office, MOD and DES (as well as MPO) are already involved.

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