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1. Dr Metters - to see
2. Dr Rejman
for advice +
draft reply
please.

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cc: Mr Canavan.

Dear Jeremy

INTRODUCTION OF HBV ANTI CORE ANTIBODY TESTS (ANTI HBc) FOR BLOOD DONOR SCREENING

I have had a query from the Medical Director of the National Blood Transfusion Service (Wales) with regard to the funding for the introduction of the above screening test.

At the last meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood on the 9th February it was reported that a pilot study in the Mersey region was due to end on the 31st March and that the results would then be evaluated before a decision was made on a UK policy. I have not received any further information on this subject but if a policy has been decided in the Department of Health then it is obviously essential that the introduction of the screening test should be synchronised throughout the UK.

I should be grateful if you could let me know the latest situation so that I can reply.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Chief Medical Officer

*John
Mr Canavan*

*Could you please a draft reply.
I think we'll need to attach copies of
replies re: N.W. Thomas + Harold
letter as background. (I'm away after 16 July)
Thanks*

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