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Subject: Stocktake - Blood Service Review

National Blood Service Strategy Review:

- The review endorses overall direction of original strategy, with some amendments to the detail [divergences in square brackets]
- Blood collection and Donor services: identifies both long and short term actions for improving additional donations; and an operational programme to improve productivity and value for money. [the review prioritises specific measures with timescales, emphasises the need for flexibility in appointments]
- Blood supply chain: Recommends moving to 6 (from 11) processing sites; and 5 (from 10) testing sites; blood issue centres will be retained at all current 16 blood centres [original proposal was for 3 super centres]
- Specialist services: (predicated on achieving financial sustainability within three years) all current specialist services should be kept within NHSBT portfolio (except antenatal screening - two-thirds of which is already undertaken by routine NHS pathology). [original strategy proposed moving to 5 specialist centres - the review proposes 8]
- Workforce: the original proposals and those of the review both anticipate a loss of approximately 600 WTE posts (out of a total of 5500)

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Need to find out how 600 WTE posts will be achieved.

ie ① How many vacancies now?

② What is natural wastage?

③ Says I keen to deliver agreement on no compulsory redundancies - is that possible?

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Secondly, need full report on current Review position of Meat Hygiene Service at FSA. TOS also complaining about job losses.