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Subject: vCJD & BLOOD: EVENING STANDARD ARTICLE

Mike

There is a piece in tonight's Evening Standard you should be aware of headlined "The blood test we may be failing" (page 64 in the final edition, page 60 in earlier ones). It's largely about the FFP issue, but opens with the totally inaccurate claim that the deputy CMO issued a statement last week that anyone who has received a blood transfusion will in future be barred from giving blood. This is particularly unfortunate as the blood service are now getting calls from people who have had transfusions asking whether they should keep their appointments.

I have informed press office and agreed a line with NBA to use in reponse to enquiries (basically, SEAC satisfied with current meaures to protect blood supply - but issue kept under review).

If anyone needs to reach me this evening to discuss this, I'll be on my mobile - GRO-C
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