

To Rachel Dickson

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**Re: Professor Franklin's request for advice on risks from blood  
Transfusion**

1. Dr Edwards has written on behalf of the CJD Incidents Panel secretariat, to seek a view from Sir Liam and his fellow CMOs on whether they wish the CJD Incidents Panel to provide advice to the blood services on the actions to take in cases where a vCJD patient is discovered to have been a recipient, rather than a donor, of blood.
2. Whether the CMOs wish the Panel to undertake this work, or consider it more appropriate for MSBT, Sir Liam will wish to note that the risk assessments required will be complex and will require significant resource. Input will be needed from a variety of sources, including the Department of Health Economics and Operational Research Division.
3. Any request for additional work on risk assessment would need to be prioritised against those still outstanding for the more conventional CJD incidents involving blood products and plasma derivatives, dental surgery, endoscopy and tissue and organ donation.