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Richard

I'm having to copy this in to everyone and his dog, so you might as well be aware of this too.....

I know you will be pleased.

Ed

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**Ed Davis**

01/07/2004 11:33

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Michael


Not known at this stage, unless Peter can update us (or the Scottish COMMS people).

My guess is they would want to put something out before an article could be published in a journal. They have a sensitivity to not being seen to have sat on the story.

Ed

Michael Clarke

**Michael Clarke**  
01/07/2004 11:30


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Ed  
Ailsa  
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Are they going public via an article in Lancet / BMJ ? Or some other means, do you know?

Ed Davis

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01/07/2004 11:19

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Michael  
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Michael

This was about going public on the Glasgow case.

The blood plasma is the subject of the submission to SofS via CMO, and the comms strategy with

this is subject to the outcome of the submission.


My thoughts on what we say about the Glasgow case are pretty much along the lines we had developed for this previously - with the additional information about SEAC/MSBT as I said before. Scotland releasing the story will generate media response here, even though we would want to play it low-key ie here are the facts, we are doing everything possible to prevent this happening again, and we are not covering anything up. Rowena indicates that it would be useful to find out if the family has agreed to the publication of the findings by James Ironside.

Do you believe we need anything further than this?

Ed

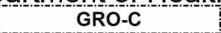
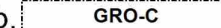
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Michael Clarke  
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Ed, do you mean go public with the results of the risk assessment for plasma recipients? Is this not the subject of a submission of SofS via CMO? Should we not await his decision and then agree a date with Scotland for simultaneous announcements? And should this not be agreed with No 10 first?

Or do you mean an announcement about the Glasgow case - in which case, what would be announced?

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Ed Davis

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**Michael**

I should have copied you into this before - apologies. You will see that pending the Procurator's final ruling, Scotland aim to go pro-active with a story at the end of this week/early next week.

Peter has promised to keep us informed of any decisions.

You will want to touch base with COMMS colleagues in Scotland, but we need a suitable handling strategy for when Scotland releases the story.

Our lines to take were developed previously; we can now add that SEAC and MSBT have reviewed the evidence, and endorse that additional precautionary actions are not necessary - but you will need to talk to Rowena to confirm what/how we can say this.

**Peter** - any further development on when Scotland may release the story?

Many thanks

Ed

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**Ed Davis**

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Carole

Re: Scotland -



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Carole

Spoken with Peter Christie in Scotland.

On the blood plasma products issue for vCJD, Scotland are still moving towards an umbrella approach for haemophiliacs. A recent meeting in Scotland between Scottish Executive, SCIEH, haemophilia representatives, the blood services and Aileen Keel, DCMO, indicated that this was the best approach for Scotland. It did not appear to require any further agreement, or any ministerial agreement, for this line to be adopted as policy - but I am seeking clarification directly from Aileen Keel.

On the Glasgow vCJD death, they are still waiting on the final word from the Procurator Fiscal about the legal sensitivities. They do not anticipate any problems as long as the details of the case are firmly anonymised.

Scotland intend to go out with this story proactively at the end of this week, or early next week. They do not wish to face being accused of hiding the story.

We will continue to maintain contact with Scotland's position.

Ed

Carole Dobson

**Carole Dobson**  
29/06/2004 09:23

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Rowena/Ed

David has a 1:1 meeting with CMO tomorrow and would be grateful if you could supply him with an update of where we are with Scotland and vCJD.

Thanks

Carole

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Carole

Follow on to my previous email.

I have spoken with Aileen Keel.

The position is that with regard to haemophiliacs, their position is that they would wish to recommend to their ministers to take the umbrella approach. They have been waiting to see what England does, and clearly prefer we have a UK wide position on this. They are very pleased that our direction of travel is to recommend the umbrella approach to our ministers, but it would appear they would go it alone if we did not adopt this.

Ed