

*Disred. Agreed should proceed now, without consulting Minister, at this stage.*

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MACFARLANE TRUST : HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY NOMINATION

1. You will have seen from Dr Rejman's minute that Dr Winter, who has been nominated by the Haemophilia Society as a SoS appointee to the Macfarlane Trust, has been known to be critical of the Department.
2. I do not think we can attempt to curtail Dr Winter's activities if he is appointed. However, I agree Dr Rejman that we should not reject the nomination. To do so could leave us open to charges of appointing only "Yes men", and do more damage than letting the appointment go ahead.
3. The trustees duties are laid down in the trust deeds, so this to some extent limits their powers. On the other hand, the sums they pay out and the circumstances, are not so prescribed. So I think that acting together the trustees could decide to increase present payment levels, and put pressure on DH for increased funds in support of this. Dr Winter could I suppose also cite his position as a trustee, and the insights it will give him, as giving adding weight to any case he might try to make to the Department. But on balance I still favour putting the nomination forward. After all, the Haemophilia Society already have the majority interest on the trustee - having direct responsibility for appointing 6 out of the 10 trustees, aside from their role in the present nomination.
4. I attach the draft of a letter to Dr Winter asking him if he willing to serve on the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts. This makes it clear that appointment will be subject to the Secretary of State's approval. Never-the less, I would be grateful for your advice on whether we should first get Minister's views in principle on this appointment. If we did want to turn down the nomination, the further on in the process we had got the more difficult that would be. We also need to clarify the situation fairly quickly, as seeking an alternative nomination would cause delay, and the appointment is due to take effect in March.

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