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REVISION/REPRINTING OF 'AIDS - IMPORTANT NEW ADVICE FOR BLOOD DONORS'

Just to put the record straight about the last leaflet. It was revised within the Department by MED SEB and agreed with HS1 and the RTDs in April 1984. Because of delay within the Department for one reason and another it was not issued until January 1985. The information finally issued was virtually the same to that agreed in April 1984 although ID Division suggested alternative methods of presentation.

The delay between drafting and issue caused considerable concern amongst RTDs. In view of the need to issue a further redraft I suggest that before it goes to RTDs we should ensure that there will be a smooth uninterrupted path to its issue.

However, the redrafted leaflet must also be considered in the context of advice to blood donors about the test for HTLV III antibody. It is possible that some sort of combined leaflet might be appropriate which includes the draft by MED SEB and agreed with the Working Party of Regional Transfusion Directors about testing donors. The advice of Information Division on the advisability of combining the two should be sought.

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