

Ms Bateman

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

In response to MS(H)'s minute of 22 January a note on the points he raised and the draft letter to RHA Chairmen and draft press announcement which he requested are attached.

At the meeting of the Expert Advisory Group on AIDS on the 29 January the members of the group strongly endorsed the proposal that blood donations should be screened for AIDS antibody as soon as reliable testing facilities were available.

I entirely agree with the proposal that the letter to RHA Chairmen and the press announcement should be made on the 1st February the day that the revised leaflet 'AIDS Important New Advice for Blood Donors' is to be published.

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