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Subject: Re: HCV unstarred question. 

Charles,

I spoke to Lord Hunt about the note that he has requested to send to SoS. He said that he would like to you set out a package of care for all HCV sufferers:

"Run with a non-restricted approach and see where we get to".

Hope this helps.

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Charles Lister
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Sue

Thanks for your request for a note for Lord Hunt to put to SofS on HCV. Before we start work, I'd be grateful if you could check with Lord Hunt whether he really wants to limit a package of care to people who contracted HCV from infected blood/blood products. It seems to us that it would be hard to defend singling out this particular group. For example, people who contracted HCV from infected health care workers might argue that they have an equal claim. Would it not be better to see if we can come up with a package of care for *all* people infected with HCV on the grounds that to single out one or other group of HCV patients for special/preferential treatment runs the risk of creating a two tier system?

It is not going to be possible to clearly differentiate between compensation for people with HCV and the vCJD compensation package until we have some clear information about the latter (I had a stab at it in the line I put forward earlier but that's about all we can do until we know what's in Thursday's announcement). Would it be possible to see an advance copy of the Government's statement - or the relevant extract - to help us put the note together for Lord Hunt?


Charles

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Jane,

I am seeking advice on whether it would be appropriate for me to approach an MP about a lobbying meeting.

Jane/Charles,

Lord Hunt does indeed think that the debate will focus to some extent on compensation issues. He said that because of the BSE Inquiry statement this Thursday and its likely announcement of a substantial compensation offer, speakers in the debate next week will probably want to focus on compensation for Hep C sufferers.

He has asked if you can prepare a note for SoS this weekend. He said:

The note will need to set out:

- 1. What we can say next week (about compensation issues) and how this can be differentiated from the BSE Inquiry compensation?*
- 2. What can we offer in terms of a package of care for those who have contracted HCV from infected blood products?*

Can you let me have a draft note for SoS for Lord Hunt to clear by 5pm on Thursday 26/10. Then if Lord Hunt agrees the draft I will sent it to SoS on Friday for his consideration over the weekend. I know that you have previously set out a package of care (rather than cash compensation) for HCV, but I think Lord Hunt is hoping to convince SoS that there is little difference really between the 2 types of case and to seek his permission to work up something more for HCV.

Happy to discuss,



Sue Cartwright