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Rowena,

MS(PH) has now also called Edwina Hart. Like Nicola, she said it wasn't a pressing matter for her but that she had no problem in principle to the review being brought forward. The cost was a concern (she seems concerned about payments to widows). The Minister explained the two stages to the review and Edwina was reassured that the stage one process would take 12 months or so and, therefore, there would be no immediate budgetary decisions.

She did want Wales to be involved in drawing up the terms of reference and selecting the Chair of the review.

MS(PH) and I again discussed handling. The Minister is willing to consider all the options. Her focus is getting this known but she is keen to do it through Parliament. So you will want to think about the options for informing Parliament (a Topical Question at Tuesday's Health Orals, a WMS after recess, an MP tabling a PQ). She is keen that we get stakeholder handling right and with this in mind was wondering how we informed the Lords and mirror what we decide to do in the Commons. Tim, can you please advise.

Do we also have a list of MPs who are interested in this area? Part of our stakeholder management plan might be for the Minister to write to them.

Just Northern Ireland to go.

Regards,

Sarah  
Private Secretary to the Public Health Minister

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Rowena,

MS(PH) has put in the call to Nicola Sturgeon. Thank you for the briefing. The Minister said that she wasn't under any pressure in Scotland to act but she was content for the Review to be brought forward subject to Scotland being involved in drawing up the terms of reference. We have requested calls with the Welsh and Northern Ireland Ministers, which we hope will take place tomorrow. You said you would let you colleagues in these DAs know the outcome of the Scottish call. I think we should follow these calls up with something in writing.

My Minister is keen for quick advice on handling. Both in terms of the announcement and stakeholders. She wants to ensure that we think about how we announce this to best effect. It would be worth giving Ministers a range of options that could include putting something out on Monday, announcing at Health Orals or after the House has risen for recess but before the pre-election period etc. MS(PH) would also like you to think about how we work with/alert Eddie O'Hara and Lord Morris.

Could I also ask you to double-check that we have informed the right people/Departments in the right way. Do we need to write round (even informally) to the relevant DA committee?

I would appreciate it if you could do your best to get all this advice up by **16:00 tomorrow**. Please let me and Clare should it become clear that this is not going to be possible.

Many thanks,

Sarah  
Private Secretary to the Public Health Minister

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25/03/2010 14:59

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Rowena and Debby,

Thanks for a very constructive meeting with SoS and MS(PH) yesterday - I know you have already been providing briefing for MS(PH) following it.

As a brief summary for those not at the meeting, SoS and MS(PH) were clear that although they recognised this was a very difficult area, they were keen to take action on the issue of contaminated blood because they felt on a number of policy issues the Department's line could not be maintained. There was a broad discussion of a range of different policy options along with the associated risks.

Ministers had a clear preference for Option B in the submission - bringing forwards in full the review of the Skipton Fund. They were attracted to the idea of placing a finite funding envelope on a review and of addressing anomalies with regards to widows, but were persuaded by the various legal risks that these options would be extremely hard to implement.

Ministers have therefore urgently requested some further briefing on how the review could be brought forwards and what the broad scope of such a review would be - this should not

be in the form of detailed terms of reference, but explore options for any constraints that could be placed on the review, what sort of timescales it would report to, and other ideas discussed in the meeting. Please could Ministers receive this by **12noon on Monday 29th march**.

MS(PH) is speaking to Ministers from the devolved administrations to discuss their views on making an announcement next week. Depending on the progress of those phone calls, you may be asked to work up an announcement at very short notice next week, and Ministers are likely to wish at a minimum to signal their interest in moving policy in this direction (for example at health orals on Tuesday).

Let me know if you have any questions,

Clare

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Dear all

The SofS and MS(PH) will meet with Debbie Webb, Rowena Jecock and the nominated representative from finance on this subject at **4:30pm to 5pm on Wednesday 24 March in RH 406.**

Many thanks


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Debby

Thanks for this submission.

SofS and MS(PH) are keen to take this forward and have asked for a meeting as soon as it can be arranged. Toby Brown from Sof's Office will be in touch with date and times.

It will be helpful to have someone from finance at the meeting. Dani (and colleagues) - could you let Toby know who will attend so he can copy the right person into his email.

Thanks.

Yemi

Yemi Fagun

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Yemi,

As requested, please find enclosed a submission for MS(PH) outlining further options for reviewing the Skipton Fund and about the possibility of pursuing personalised health budgets. This has been cleared by Ailsa Wight and contains contributions from Finance colleagues.

Regards,  
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