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**"Re: Fw: Action points from SofS meeting with MS(PH) and Baroness Thornton 10 Sept - Contaminated Blood"**

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Jo,

Many thanks for confirming so quickly - we will await further instruction next week. I am out of the office Mon-Wed, but if you can please e-mail myself, Ailsa and Rowena, we will pick this up.

Thanks,  
Debby

Joanne Jones/OIS/DOH

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Debby

I spoke to DWP today- they did not copy me in to the response they sent to Lord Archer (they also couldn't confirm that a response had been sent yet which is more worrying) but have assured me they will come back to me on monday. I'll let you know when i do where we are on this.

have a good weekend

jo

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Joanne,

Can you please let us have a copy of the Baroness Thornton letter mentioned below? I am aware of the letter she received on this issue from Lord Archer about Mrs GRO-A but that reply from Baroness Thornton was along the lines of passing the query to her DWP counterpart. Are these two issues connected or is this separate correspondence?

Graeful if you could please let me know.

Thanks,  
Debby

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Joanne

Meant to copy you into this. Apologies for not.

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Debby, colleagues

As you are aware, SofS met with MS(PH) and Baroness Thornton yesterday to take stock on where we are on contaminated blood. A number of issues were raised including the following:

- SofS wanted to invite Paul Goggins to explain his proposals eg about access to NHS services for those affected - to see if there was anything the NHS could do better. **Action point - SofS will need a draft letter to send to Paul Goggins - could a draft be sent to Matt Baird by 2pm Thursday, 17 September?**

- Ministers were keen for some work to be done on the smaller points we can address such as working with DWP on the benefits forms. Baroness Thornton has already written to DWP about this so there was a suggestion that we could announce a joint meeting with them on this issue, or announcing the outcome of work with them to resolve issues around the form etc. **Action points - liaise with Baroness Thornton's office and follow up the letter. To feed back to Ministers by end of the month.**

- Possible links to the announcement of the outcome of the prescription charges review. **Action points - please confirm when the outcome of the review is scheduled for and whether this a good news announcement?**

- Generally, speaking Ministers wanted the Department to be more on the front foot and take credit for the things the Government had done in this area (eg the setting up of the Skipton Fund in the first place). They wanted better handling plans, putting out positive messages/finding good new stories to announce on this issue, rather than being passive and defensive. **Action point - A note should come up to Ministers - for MS(PH) to comment on before going to SofS - setting out some sort of short to medium term communications plan (by end of the month).**

Please call if you want to discuss any aspects of this email.

Yemi

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