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AIDS - HEALTH EDUCATION

Thank you for your minute of 16 August. We appreciate being kept informed of these developments in view of our blood transfusion interest in AIDS.

The SNBTS has drafted a revised leaflet for distribution to blood donors. The original leaflet was made available in donor centres with hardly a ripple and the intention now is to include the revised leaflet in the mailings calling up donors.

There are one or two textual changes which we feel would improve the HEC leaflet and which we would definitely like to see incorporated if the text of the leaflet was to be used for a SHEG publication. The reference in the middle of page 2 to " .. haemophiliacs need treatment with blood products because their blood doesn't clot" does not make it clear that it is only blood products derived from infected donors which is infective. It should read something like the statement 4/5 lines higher and say " .. haemophiliacs treated with blood products derived from blood from infected donors".

At the bottom of page 5 under the heading "Should I give blood?" the wording is a little clumsy and might read better as "Until the cause of AIDS is understood, donors at any risk of getting AIDS are asked not to give blood". That however is a minor point. If the leaflet was to be used in Scotland it would have to be altered to take account of the Scottish situation and the reference in square brackets at the top of page 6 would require to be altered accordingly.

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