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I return the draft PS minute on file NJD/73/3/2 with the following comments:

Paragraph 2

I would leave out the last sentence or also indicate the totals stated in the 21 March submission.

Paragraph 6

I would prefer the heading to be "Blood Tests". I say this because while the term screening could be applied to the BTS exercise, the NHS service envisaged is not a true screening clinic in the strict meaning of the word. Could I suggest something on the lines of:

"Since AIDS can be transmitted through transfusion of blood or blood products from an infected donor arrangements have been made to screen all blood donations as from mid October. In order to avoid persons presenting as blood donors solely to have the screening test, Health Boards have been asked to arrange and publicise NHS facilities for taking and testing blood specimens from persons who think they may have been infected. We hope that the availability"

Paragraph 7

There will be a counselling load from all who attend for testing, although I accept that the major task lies with those identified as HTLV III antibody positive. Perhaps the first sentence could read "Appropriate counselling facilities will be required [within the NHS] [and BTS], and Health Boards have been asked to make the necessary arrangements." I would not be against mentioning that SHHD has funded (or part-funded) SAM's counselling and educational service.

Paragraph 8 could be redrafted in the light of tomorrow's meeting if necessary.

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