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I suggest the following amendment.

Paragraph 3 could be split into two, particularly since we are just about to issue information to all doctors about the introduction of a test for HTLV III antibody. Also it would obviate the need for talking about "routine testing".

My suggested redraft is

Paragraph 3

"Health Education ..... is of prime importance."

New paragraph 4

"From mid October all blood donations will be screened by Regional Transfusion Centres for antibody to the AIDS virus. At the same time, alternative facilities for providing antibody tests on a confidential basis will become available within the NHS. In addition to the £1 million provided ..... the disease."

Notes for Editors

7. Add "; and on the introduction of tests for HTLV III antibody."

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