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Patrick, Rowena

Thanks for sight of this.

We're not sure from an emergency care perspective what interest we would have in this - if there is anything specific that you think we should be aware of then please do let us know.

The recommendation you flagged to us concerned access to specialist services - you may therefore want to contact the trauma team (Beth Sleator) if you have not already done so, in case they have an interest.

Regards

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Dear All,

I imagine that even those of you not remotely involved in blood safety will have seen or heard some media coverage this week of the report of Lord Archer's independent inquiry into contaminated blood/blood products during the 1970s and 80s.

This email is to alert you that we anticipate your input will be needed in preparing the Govt response to Lord Archer's recommendations, which impact quite widely on other policy areas.

MS(PH) asked my team this morning for our initial views on the report by lunchtime, and wants a more detailed analysis next Monday (2 March). As you will appreciate, we did not have time to consult this morning before sending the attached brief note to the minister.



MS(PH) update on recommendations of Archer report 23 Feb 09.doc

I would be most grateful if you would look at the recommendations (attached below) and provide initial advice to Patrick Hennessy by 10.00 Thursday (26 Feb) to inform the submission for Monday.

We are **not** looking for a guide on what the response might be at this stage, rather we would like advice on the following:

- confirmation that your branch/team does have an interest in contributing to a Govt response
- what are the issues that need to be taken into account in considering each recommendation,
- who will need to be consulted (both within DH, and externally),
- some idea, if you can - of likely timeframe to do this, and
- whether there are any other policy areas or pieces of work that you think might be relevant.

Please forward to anyone else you think might need to contribute.

I have tried to identify the recommendations on which we think each of you might be able to advise. Please re-direct this request if not for you.

1. Statutory committee to advise Govt on management of haemophilia -
Tracy Morton, John Sherriff, Murray Devine, Mary Simpson
2. Screening tests for haemophilia patients and their partners -
Steve Pugh
3. Testing of blood donors -
Blood policy team
4. Free prescription drugs, physio, home nursing etc, and direct access to hospital beds and specialist services -
Judy Carter, Shelagh Morris, Vivienne Bennett, Chris Dowse
5. Secured funding for the Haemophilia Society -
Olivia Butterworth
6. Review of payments to affected patients -
Brian Bradley, Ted Goff, Chris Bostock, Mark Gidden
7. Access to insurance -
Mark Bale
8. Lookback exercise -
Blood policy team



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Ian Hudson/Richard Lawes - we may need your input on a different aspect: - helping us to map the changes in regulatory and supply elements of plasma product provision, particularly how they have changed during the past 20-30 years. Ministers will want to know how secure the current systems are, and where there is still work to be done. Grateful if you could each provide me with a short contribution by the end of the week.

Our line has been (and remains) that we need to consider the recommendations carefully, and will issue a response in due course. We have not committed to a timeframe for the Govt response, but I expect we will be pressed to do so. We will keep you informed.

Thank you all in advance for your help. We appreciate that this is yet another unanticipated piece of work for most of you.

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