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Liz,
The advice from the FOI team to include those points was based on the fact that the person requesting the internal review specifically mentioned them, albeit that they are in response to reasons DH itself used against disclosure last year!

As I understand it, these points will have to be addressed in the response to the requester, if we decide against release again. We could make Mr Clarke aware of the points, without necessarily asking his view on them.

Please let me/Mark know if you want to include them in this way.
Thanks,
Ro

Elizabeth Woodeson/CQEG/DOH/GB

**Elizabeth
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18/03/2009 17:57

To Mark Noterman/CQEG/DOH/GB **GRO-C**
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Dear Mark

Thank you for picking this up while Ian is on leave. I know this is not your responsibility and I appreciate your willingness to help, particularly given how important it is that we respond quickly.

I was interested to see that when the FOI responded to the original request last year, they did not explain that a key reason for withholding the document was that we had taken into account the views of Ken Clarke himself and that he had been strongly opposed to disclosure for the reasons given in his letter of 3rd June last year. I do think this is important and that - assuming Mr Clarke has not changed his views - the FOI team should refer to this in responding to the applicant if we decide to continue to withhold the document. With this in mind, I have amended the letter to Ken Clarke to seek him permission to refer to his views. I don't think there is any point mentioning in this letter to Mr Clarke the other arguments we used to justify our decision as they were not arguments used by Ken Clarke himself.

Here is my amended letter:

[attachment "Ken Clarke from LW Mar09.doc" deleted by Rowena Jecock/PH6/DOH/GB]

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Mark Noterman/CQEG/DOH/GB

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Liz / Graham

I attach a draft letter to send to Ken Clarke about the internal review of our refusal to release CMO's 1990 advice to him about haemophiliacs/HIV.

[attachment "Letter to Ken Clarke - FOI internal review request (288056RWebber).doc" deleted by Rowena Jecock/PH6/DOH/GB]

Grateful for your comments on the draft, by close tomorrow please. Once I have your comments I will forward the draft to Stephen Fay (Fol team) and cc to Richard Bishop for MoJ's view before the letter goes to Mr Clarke. I'll also check with CMO's office explaining the request for an internal review, and reminding him of his previous advice - he was in favour of release.

Kind regards

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