



**"Re: Fw: The 35 documents - action required"**

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Dear all

I have discussed with Laura. I'm afraid we will have to release the duplicates as well taking the total to 27 - as we are only holding back 8 and we need the two figures to add up to 35 which is the number we have previously given out. Laura will sort this out and add references to the duplicates to the inventory.

She will also make sure the web team know they must not publish these docs on Friday unless they get the go ahead from us. This will obviously depend on our getting approval from the minister.

The letter is fine - I have asked Laura to turn it into three separate letters that I can attach to the submission for the minister's signature.

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Letter drafted by Patrick attached.

Kind regards,

Laura Kennedy  
PA to Liz Woodeson, Director of Health Protection  
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Laura

It is agreed with our web team that the latest documents will be released via the blood safety documents web page on Friday. I attach a draft letter as Liz has requested. Can you please let Liz see this and then prepare the three letters? Many thanks. (I also attach a scan of the 23 documents as they will appear on the website, plus an inventory. I am not sure whether it is intended to copy them to Archer.)

I am not in tomorrow but Konrad can keep an eye on this. If it were decided to defer the release date for any reason, it is only necessary to send a message to MB-WEB-PUBLISHING

Patrick



DRAFT LETTER TO LORD ARCHER ETC.doc 23 docs for release 20-Mar-09.pdf



Inventory of 23 documents for release on 20-Mar-09.doc

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Rowena

OK - try drafting as if from her. I would like the letter to assure the recipients that there is nothing in the withheld documents that adds any new information to our knowledge or understanding of events. I guess that means she will have to see the 8 documents if she is going to make a statement like that. But I don't see any problem with this as they would not count as "papers from a previous administration" that ought to be kept from her. I will draft the submission accordingly.


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If MS(PH) is content to sign, I think it would be a good idea. We want to all we can to refute the conspiracy charge.

A letter from MS(PH) would add weight to the message that Govt is making every effort to be as open as possible.

Elizabeth Woodeson/CQEG/DOH/GB

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16/03/2009 14:36

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Rowena - I agree we should write to APPG as well.

Do you think it would be better if the letters were signed by me or the minister?

The letters should be short - no more than a couple of paras. They don't need to give details about how a number of the documents were duplicates, or anything like that. Just need to say that we have reviewed the documents withheld with the aim of releasing as many as possible, due to the level of interest. Then explain that we are only keeping back 8 (or whatever it is) and give general reasons. Then say where they can find the other documents,

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Liz,

Agree that Lord Archer and the Haemophilia Society CE (Christopher James) are the main contacts.

However, you might also want to let the APPG on Haemophilia know? Chair is Eddie O'Hara MP (President is Lord Morris of Manchester).

APPG members are very active in this area, and have asked several PQs & made FOI requests.

MS(PH) wrote to the APPG in addition to Lord Archer and the Haemophilia Society, when the finding of vCJD in a haemophilia patient was leaked to the press recently.

Let me know if you would like to include the APPG.

Patrick has already prepared versions of the commercial documents with company names and other identifiers redacted. This is line with advice from lawyers.

**Patrick** - grateful if you could prepare draft letters for Liz. (I'll send you contact details for Chris James separately).

**Konrad** - please liaise with Patrick on website requirements, (including location on website so that a web address can be included in the letters), and make arrangements with the DH web team for publication this week. I don't know what their usual timescales are, but you may need emphasise the need to get this done quickly. Let me know if you encounter any problems.

Thanks,  
Rowena



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16/03/2009 10:11

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Dear Rowena

David is looking this morning at the documents we propose to hold back. Assuming he is content I will do a submission for the minister. I will need to make clear in this how we propose to announce that we are publishing some of these 35 documents. I think probably the best way is simply for me to write to Lord Archer and the chief exec of the haemophilia society. What is the name/title of the latter? Anyone else you think we ought to inform?

Can you / Patrick draft these letters for me please. They will need to make clear where on the website these documents can be found. Will we have a separate section for them to make them easy to access?

Also, you will need to be absolutely clear on the position re redaction ie are we going to redact company names or not? We should only do so if that is what we would do if we had had an FOI request for these documents. (bearing in mind that we may well get an FOI request if we do redact the names.....)

I would like the letters to go out this week - and the documents to be published on the website this week. Will that be OK?

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