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Subject: USE OF FFP IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

We now have information on the use of FFP for in other European countries (except Spain) plus the US & Canada - see attached table. This is helpful in addressing the assertion that the UK is somehow uniquely remiss in still using untreated FFP (the comparison here is of course around viral, rather than vCJD, risk)

Countries using untreated FFP, apart from the UK, are Canada, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and the US. Other use only SD treated pooled FFP - Belgium, Ireland, Luxemborg - or a mixture of SD and quarantined untreated FFP - France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal.

No other country uses MB treated FFP, although in some cases this may be on cost effectiveness rather than safety grounds. I am told that Spain uses it but I have not had written confirmation of this.



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