
From: Stewart, Lynsey
Sent: 16 March 2009 11:03
To: Nugent, David
Subject: FW: Urgent: MS(PH) request for advice on Archer report and its recommendations. Initial contributions by 10.00 Thurs please.
Attachments: Archer report - recommendations.doc; MS(PH) update on recommendations of Archer report 23 Feb 09.doc; Submission_on_the_findings_of_the_Archer report February 2009.DOC

From: Nugent, David
Sent: 26 February 2009 15:56
To: Camplisson, Seamus
Cc: Stewart, Lynsey; Simpson, Karen
Subject: FW: Urgent: MS(PH) request for advice on Archer report and its recommendations. Initial contributions by 10.00 Thurs please.

Seamus

I have spoken to Lara Hynes at DoHC and their compensation system is significantly different to ours. They have a tribunal for each individual case which pay out at the same level as high court awards and also have compensation for relatives. They have spent €900m since 2002.

The NI Haemophilia Centre are going to email me though they suspect the figure is less than 40 now.

David

From: Karen Simpson [mailto:ksimpson_sky@GRO-C]
Sent: 25 February 2009 18:58
To: Camplisson, Seamus
Cc: Nugent, David; Stewart, Lynsey
Subject: FW: Urgent: MS(PH) request for advice on Archer report and its recommendations. Initial contributions by 10.00 Thurs please.

Seamus

Please see attached submission on the Archer report which has been in the news recently and a number of emails have been circulating from DH (L) as below. Dr Mitchell is the lead medic involved and any submission should be cleared through Liz first.

Happy to discuss tomorrow.

Karen

David

Thank you for this. I just want to double check the number of haemophilia patients who were infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV) from NHS treatment and who are currently attending the NI Haemophilia Centre is forty.

Would you also find out some information on the amount of money paid out in Ireland's ex-gratia scheme, similar to the Skipton fund.

Thank you

Karen

----- Original Message -----

From: Simpson, Karen

To: Nugent, David

Cc: Camplisson, Seamus; Stewart, Lynsey

Sent: Wed Feb 25 11:11:17 2009

Subject: FW: Urgent: MS(PH) request for advice on Archer report and its recommendations.

Initialcontributions by 10.00 Thurs please.

David

Would you provide a draft submission to the Minister on the Archer report, which has been in the news recently. I did a sub last year (attached) which will provide background material. The purpose of the sub is to advise Minister that the Archer report has now been published and a summary of the recommendations. (These are attached above). The recommendation will be for the Minister to note the findings of the Archer report and the Department will work with the other UK Health Departments in formulating a government response to the independent inquiry.

Happy to discuss

Karen

-----Original Message-----

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Initialcontributions by 10.00 Thurs please.

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.

(See attached file: 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

(See attached file: Archer report - recommendations.doc)

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.

Rowena

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