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Subject: Blood introductory meeting



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Vicki/Richard

Thank you for coming to brief PS(PH) yesterday on some of the outstanding issues relating to blood.

Hep C compensation

PS(PH) was grateful for an update on this issue - she would, of course, like to be fully kept up to date as work progresses over the summer.

PS(PH) was also keen that full consideration was given to the different options around funding of a new Trust or further use of the Macfarlane Trust in relation to its running costs - and agreed that Section 64 was not an appropriate way of funding and that this may be an opportunity to change this.

Hep C screening

PS(PH) wanted to reassured that very full consideration is given to the counselling issues on this issue and asked whether this could be included as part of the public information campaign.

Recombinant FVIII

PS(PH) hoped that we would be able to do some proactive media work around the likely announcement of the first payments from the Implementation Group in Sept. **RG to liaise with Press Office on this.**

Lord Owen

Not a priority

BPL Review

The Minister was keen to ensure that we get something constructive out of this, that we would get value for money, that the key issues needed to be articulated intop the terms of reference of the review and that we were sure that whoever undertook the review had the appropriate expertise in place to do it (haematology expertise etc). **Grateful for a further note on this when appropriate.**

Further work

PS(PH) asked for a more comprehensive **background briefing on blood generally** (5 greatest achievements etc) - however a separate commissioning note will be coming/have come from Emily.

PS(PH) would also like a **background on the economies of blood** (how much the NBS spends and what on etc). Grateful for this **in time for the last box before recess**, however if this is unrealistic, in time for the first box after recess.

Vicki also indicated that a **update note on bone marrow** would be forthcoming.

Many thanks - please let me know if I have missed anything.

Happy to discuss any of the above further.

Rob

GRO-C