

Mr Brandes

Dr Owen has seen Mr Giddon's minute of the 13 December 1974 about the standard draft letter to MPs on the treatment of haemophilia. He has said that he will accept this advice. Dr Owen has gone on to comment more widely on related issues:

"I would like however the Department to consider a legislative ban on paid donor panels for blood and semen and indeed any human biological material. A convenient vehicle for such legislation would be the bill which I expect we will put into the next Parliamentary Session covering the whole of Private Sector, pay beds in the NHS, hospitals, private nursing homes and tough measures we want to take over the private abortion market. The philosophy and spirit of Richard Titmuss' book "The Gift Relationship" is one to which I attach immense importance. The concept of altruism is one which Government should not be neutral over but actively promote. I will never be party to the National Blood Transfusion Service not being available to all. I want no charging for this to the Private Sector other than possibly handling charges; I should like to examine even such charges with care. (Dr Owen is now referring to the paper sent to him by Dr Bloom of the Royal Marsden Hospital which will be circulated to the Private Practice Panel) As to the problem over radiotherapy and the special cancer therapy when pay beds are removed I wonder whether we could explore the possibility of a National Cancer Therapy Service modelled on the Blood Transfusion Service available to all irrespective of whether they are private patients. In relation to this how do we pay doctors in the NHS; how are they compensated for no private practice, are they whole-timers eligible for distinction awards? If so how many have such awards? We might be able to use career structure payments to compensate radiologists for having no access to private practice and this of course increasingly involves pathologists too."

Will you please provide a note on points raised by Dr Owen.

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