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#### HIV INFECTED BLOOD TRANSFUSION RECIPIENTS

CMO has seen your minute of the 23 April which supplied Secretary of State with a note on the present position on compensation for people infected with HIV through blood transfusion, and on the cost that would be incurred if we were to extend to them the compensation scheme for haemophiliacs.

CMO has commented that he thinks the only tenable argument of differentiation from haemophilia of any weight is in paragraph 3 of Annex A. The number of cases arising from other types of "tissue transplanting" eg organ transplants, and sperm would be unlikely to go beyond the fingers of both hands; maximum. CMO would be concerned with "spread" to hepatitis cases of various sorts.

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