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Martin/Karen,

As agreed, at our meeting last week, and referred to in my previous email this morning, I attach a copy of a draft proposal on appeals under the Skipton Fund plus comments from the Haemophilia Society.

Given that Lord Warner has now advised that he wants the "appeals panel" to be established by the end of July we need to move this along quickly. I'd be grateful for any initial thoughts you might have in advance of the meeting which I am about to ask a colleague to set up, and at which we really do need to reach a consensus on the Skipton Fund AA, SLA and the appeals procedure.

I have indicated to copy recipients that I would circulate the latest drafts of the AA and SLA. However, on reflection I am not sure that I have actually received revised versions, since the comments which I sent to you in March (22/3 @16:12) from myself and from the Scottish Executive, Welsh Assembly and NI Health Department. Therefore, I think it would only confuse the matter if I circulate a draft on which people have already commented, without their comments being reflected. I hope that makes sense. Have you had time to consider the comments and would it be possible for you to circulate up to date versions before the meeting which we are about to set up? I think it would be helpful if people do have a version to consider which includes their previous comments, where appropriate. It would also help us greatly when considering the legislative proposals in Scotland on which I emailed earlier today.

Happy to discuss.

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William,

I managed to find the attached proposal on Richards system. The only comments I have been copied are from the Haemophilia Society which I will also forward to you.

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Dear all

Please find attached a draft proposal for the institution of a Skipton Fund Appeals Panel that we would be grateful for your comments on.

As you will be aware, the Department of Health and its counterparts in the devolved administrations are setting up an appeals process for unsuccessful applicants to the Skipton Fund and we would appreciate your input into this process. A robust and fair Appeals Panel will be central to the appeals process and the attached document provides an outline of the suggested structure for the Panel.

While we recognise that you will have a number of other obligations on your time, we would like your input prior to proceeding any further with the creation of the Panel. Therefore we would be most grateful for your comments on the proposal by the end of the day Friday 22nd October (i.e. next Friday).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and may I thank you in advance for your help.

Regards
Mike

Dr Michael Brannan

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Mike

Thanks for sending these in advance for our considerations. Broadly speaking, the proposal of a central appeals panel which is able to refer to an expert medical sub-panel is very sound. The chair of the latter should probably be a permanent fixture of the former. Our main concerns are about the make-up of the two panels. The appeals panel would benefit by replacing the GP with a secondary care consultant. We are aware that many GPs are being asked to fill out the application forms but it would be rare for them to have a speciality in hepatitis C or areas of clinical care which have required blood or blood product treatment in the past. Our preference therefore would be for a haemophilia consultant with considerable experience of managing hepatitis C, particularly in the time period when infections were occurring and being discovered. This person would partner the hepatologist whom you suggest. Similarly or at least alternatively, the expert sub-panel would benefit by having input from a haematology consultant who specialises in hepatitis C. I appreciate that the majority of appeal cases will come from outside haemophilia, but it is hard to find a specialism outside hepatology which would represent such cases.

I have discretely sought interest from a couple of professional colleagues and am in a position to make some recommendations soon. The following have been willing for me to put their names forward:

Dr Mike Makris, Centre Director, Sheffield Haemophilia & Thrombosis Centre Adults, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield
Prof Graham Foster, professor of haematology, Royal London Hospital (member of Society's medical advisory panel)

I fear the Appeals Panel will have to meet more frequently than quarterly in the next six months to a year as there will surely be a sizable backlog of cases to consider as soon as it is set up.

I am happy to discuss further the issue of lay representation.

Please note both Graham Whitehead and myself are away from the office for the whole of next week.

Regards

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Mike

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