

(CTD Look Back file)  
TNER study

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Pat:

I know that "no news is good news" but it will be valuable to have confirmation for the record that, for each nvCJD patient identified as a having donated blood, plasma either was, or was not, supplied to BPL. This seems to me to be the only way to make sure that a donation to BPL does not slip the net.

Do you maintain, or would it be possible to set up, a simple table which could be updated each time an nvCJD patient is identified, listing:  
Patient identifier (presumably anonymised)  
nvCJD status (probable/confirmed)  
blood donor status (don't know/no/yes .... trace)  
plasma to BPL (don't know/no/yes .... trace)

As I'm sure you realise, my purpose in suggesting this is that I wish to be able confirm that we have positively excluded nvCJD risk, rather than just reacted to a report. It goes further than we are technically required to go, but it is the kind of reasonable step we could be expected to take.

[Alison: would you please ask Angela to confirm that what I'm asking doesn't cut across any initiative/limits set in agreement with DoH.]

Terry.