

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: RDO

TO: DRDO/ARDO/Miss. J. Toogood/ALL Donor Panel Clerks

cc: Dr. Darnborough/Dr. Gibson/Mr. Brown (4)

A.I.D.S.

1. With immediate effect, ALL donors must be made aware of the serious risk to health posed by AIDS. For 12 months all donors called by card to sessions will be sent a copy of the new leaflet, copies of which you now have.
2. Leaflets are being sent to all firms and forces sessions where donors are not invited directly by card. The firm's Organiser is being asked to distribute to all volunteers.
3. New donors and new to region donors who have not been invited by card will not have seen the leaflet. One must be handed to them at the time of registration. This also applies to regular donors who attend even though they have not been invited.
4. To ensure that all donors have been made aware of the contents of the leaflet, ALL donors must be asked directly if they have read it. All clerks must have a supply of leaflets available and anyone who replies NO should be handed one and told to read it before donating.
5. Some donors may well react to unpleasant facts of this nature being thrust upon their attention. This must be accepted and each case dealt with politely but firmly. There is a serious risk to health and the Minister insists that ALL donors are made aware of this.
6. There are a number of calls "in the pipe-line" which will not have the leaflets enclosed. Please, therefore, be especially careful to ask the question over the next 4-6 weeks.
7. Donors who have visited or lived in the following countries should be referred to the Session M.O.:-

CHAD
ZAIRE
BURUNDI
BWANDA (also spelt RWANDA)
HAITI
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Donors who say they have visited or lived in any part of CENTRAL AFRICA should also be taken to the M.O.

8. If any donor raises queries, they should be taken to the Session M.O.

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R.D.O.
1st February 1985