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Richard, David, Vicki

Confirmation below that SofS is content with your recommendation re: co-infectants and those cleared of Hep C thru treatment. I think there will be pressure to move on this pretty quickly now. SpAds are thinking about when best to announce (they are aware that it'll need to be UK wide). As mentioned in the last para of your submission it would be good to have ahandling strategy and update on where we are with all the DAs (and Treasury and DWP) pretty soon.

Ignore the references to a letter to Michael Connarty, current thinking is for him not to have a letter just yet but that we might pay tribute to him when we do announce.

Happy to discuss.

Rob

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Dear Rob

SofS thanks PS(PH) for her note to him on Hepatitis C ex-gratia payments. He is content with PS(PH)s approach to meet two of the criteria outlined in her note. SofS is also content for her to discuss our approach with the Devolved Administrations.

In respect of the letter to Michael Connarty MP, SofS would like her to draft a letter to go from him, explaining that SofS and PS(PH) have discussed and setting out our approach on payments to those co-infected with HIV, and payments to those who cleared the Hep C virus following treatment. In the circumstances SofS does not feel that a meeting with Michael Connarty MP will be necessary.

with kind regards

Helena

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Helena

Thanks - I've changed the cover note to cover the points you've mentioned and attached a draft of the Connarty letter at annex c. I haven't included anything on the costs of a new Trust if we don't go with the Macfarlane as its not particularly clear (the nearest example appears to be the vCJD comp scheme which currently spends about £1.5m a year on

administration mostly through lawyers fees). If we do go with the Macfarlane they have estimated that it would cost apprx £160k to start up and administer the scheme in the first 6 months. I will work to clarify the position but I didn't want it to hold up the note any longer.



Regards

Rob

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Dear Rob

Thank you for this note - just a few queries that it would be helpful to clear up before we send on to SofS

- para 3 of PS(PH)s cover note is the first bracket (beginning of second sentence) superfluous?
- para 3 cover note do we have any feel for the devolved administrations position?
- para 3 cover note I'm not clear what Macfarlane Trust's position will be if we can only deliver
 on two out of the three I think SofS will want to be clear about this, and what are additional
 costs that would be involved if we had to set up a new trust
- para 13 of submission mentions the meeting M Connarty has requested and PS(PH)s thoughts on handling this is there any reason why she hasn't put this up front in her cover note?

I would be grateful if you could look into these queries and let me know whether you will be sending me a revised submission.

with kind regards

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Dear Helena

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you. Please find attached a note and submission from PS(PH) to SofS on the above. If SofS is content we should be in a position to move quite quickly to make a more formal announcement about the scheme.

SofS note.doc SofS sub on Hep C 3 dec.doc

Regards

Rob x **GRO-C**