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HEPATITIS B VACCINE

You will have had a copy of Mr Venning's minute of 7 June to me indicating that MS(H) suggests we decline the offer from MSD and do what can be done to discourage the use of hepatitis B vaccine in this country. I am sending a copy of Mr Venning's minute to Mr Rose.

How do you suggest that we proceed with this? I imagine that the question of communicating with MSD is for Supply Division but we will presumably need at some stage to report to the JCVI and the Advisory Group on Hepatitis and we will also need to consider in what way we transmit the message that the use of the vaccine is not being encouraged. Perhaps we could discuss.

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