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Subject: Re: URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL - HEP C AND BLOOD PRODUCTS

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Kate

To keep you in the picture, I have spoken to Howard Roberts who has come up with an argument we can give SofS to deploy. We are also in touch with the devolution unit in the Office of the Deputy PM.

Once I've had a further conversation with ODPM, I'll be putting advice and a draft letter to Malcolm Chisholm to SofS.

Charles

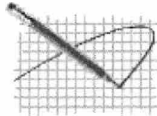


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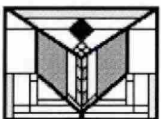
Howard and/or Mary: please would you consider the attached note from CMO's office and advise them on the comment :

*Malcolm Chisholm said that the advice he had had was that this was a devolved matter for the Scots, however he wasn't sure this was right. SofS is very clear that we need to find some way of showing that the Scots don't have the devolved power to go it alone on this.*

Charles : you need to talk to Howard direct [if you are not already doing so!]

Errol and I have inherited only the 4 way meetings [of Ministers and officials ]and associated activity from the former Constitution Unit. This includes putting policy people in touch with their opposite numbers in the devolved admins if necessary and steering them towards sources of advice. But we do not get involved in the advice ourselves - we cannot, and are not trying to, emulate the role of Amy Nicholas. I understand from Robert that you are already in touch with Mary Trefgarne.

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Tim - for CMO to see


Kate - I thought you should see the attached as you may want to provide some input (in conjunction with SOL colleagues) on the devolution aspects of this issue.

thanks very much

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Charles/Vicki,

SofS has just spoken to the health Minister in Scotland, Malcolm Chisholm.

Malcolm Chisholm said that off the back of a Health Committee they had set up an expert group to look at the issue of Hep C and blood products. The expert group has now completed its report, which according to Malcolm Chisholm, says that Hep C is comparable with HIV. If accepted, this would mean something along the lines of payments of £10K to people infected with Hep C via blood products, and £40K at the point they develop chronic Hep C. Malcolm Chisholm is due back before the Health Committee on Wednesday and feels he has to offer something, probably around payments to people once they become seriously ill.

SofS was very clear that he thought this would be a grave mistake and that once the principle that we'd established had been breached, then we were scuppered and on a slippery slope to payments running into the millions across the UK. He said he thought Malcolm Chisholm needed to tough it out.

Malcolm Chisholm said that the advice he had had was that this was a devolved matter for the Scots, however he wasn't sure this was right. SofS is very clear that we need to find some way of showing that the Scots don't have the devolved power to go it alone on this, and thereby prevent them going ahead with any kind of announcement on Wednesday.

Grateful if you could look into this ASAP and then come back to us.

Many thanks,

Sammy (on behalf of Stephen who will be leading on this but is a bit tied up at the moment)