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**"Re: hep C scheme"**

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Gerard

You will wish to be aware

Richard

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Dear David

We had a chat today and I explained that my note following this meeting was about working up the handling plan as you are doing.

SofS will not be doing a Ministerial Statement - this will be announced by press release. We need to agree the name of the trust and I will come back to you asap

with kind regards

Helena

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David Reay

**David Reay**

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Helena

David

Re: hep C

Helena, FYI.

David, grateful if you could let me know the name of your contact in the planning team. Thanks

David

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**David Daley**

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David

Michael

Re: hep C

Thanks David. I'll have a go at drafting something.

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David Reay

**David Reay**

14/01/2004 10:58

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David

Michael

Re: hep C

David, further to Helena's email, I think we now need to get a press release drafted in anticipation of the announcement asap. I have attached below the short briefing that was prepared for SofS's meeting with MPs on Monday. The speaking notes will form the basis of the Ministerial statement ie. highlight the positive aspects of the scheme before going on to pre-empt the criticism.

Is this enough to prepare a draft? We will be drafting the statement over the next couple of days but are conscious that it's not been confirmed yet, so can't provide quotes. However, the key messages we need to get across are -

- That the scheme will broadly apply to every person who was inadvertently infected and who was alive on 29 August.
- The 'good news' as outlined in the attached speaking notes
- A line justifying the exclusion of dependants
- That the Macfarlane Trust will be administering the new scheme
- That those who have registered on the mailing list will be contacted shortly and that those who have not should call DH to register
- A reassurance that further details will be released in the next few months on how to make an application and that in the meantime claimants are requested not to contact the Macfarlane Trust or DH (unless it is to register on the mailing list)

Grateful for your advice

David



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David Daley

**David Daley**

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David

Michael

Re: hep C

Thanks David. I've spoken to Wales and Scotland who both know now that we've got Jan 23 in the diary for the announcement (provisionally).

David Reay

**David Reay**

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David

hep C scheme

FYI

David

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Dear all

David and Richard thank you for your support for this meeting.

Just a quick re-cap of the meeting with M Connarty MP and others tonight. SofS listened to what they had to say and made no commitments. As expected MC highlighted the 4 groups of people who he and the MPs were representing:

- dependents of dead
- co-infected
- viral clearance
- additional payments

In terms of handling the announcement, SofS is considering whether to do a Ministerial statement. This will be discussed further with him.

David and Richard - I think we know need to work up the handling strategy for the announcement, which will include a press notice, lines to take, and a note to agree the name of the new scheme. I will look at what is needed in terms of a ministerial statement and come back to you on the final decision on that.

I would suggest that we try to get the worked up handling strategy in his box asap; we can get it cleared; if SofS decides to run with a ministerial statement we may need to look at how date fits with parly. I'll come back to you all asap on final decision on the statement.

with kind regards

Helena

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