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Liz,

Sorry we couldn't speak longer yesterday evening. I'm forwarding a note you already have so you don't have to search and because it spells out the issues around the National Prion Monitoring Cohort.

Starting with the two main criteria for PRP funding i.e. (i) policy need based on various drivers such as public health hazards, and (ii) good science, the funding issue appears to centre on (i) and value for money. The decision was taken only to fund a cohort of vCJD cases and controls for the following reasons:

- vCJD is thought to arise from the food chain and can be transmitted via the blood supply, and is therefore, the focus of DH policy. If my understanding is correct, DH policy is to reduce and minimise the risks of secondary transmission of vCJD.
- the NPMC is not satisfying this requirement as half it's cases are patients with sporadic CJD which does not seem to be a public health hazard as vCJD is.
- This means that the NPMC that Prof Collinge would like funded is more elaborate than that for which DH would/should be prepared to pay.

It looks as if Prof Collinge is trying to get DH to backtrack on what would seem to be a sensible decision both in terms of policy and budget. I would be wary of agreeing to his request for more funds without further impartial scientific advice.

Happy to discuss

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Liz/David

I attach a note - which refers to John Stephenson's attached letter to the MRC about:

- the composition of the proposed National Prion Monitoring Cohort;
and
- DH's funding (the ex-NSCAG money) to the UCHL Trust.

John's letter has now been passed by the MRC to Professor Collinge, and there is always the possibility that he may contact you.



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kind regards

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Dear Sally (and colleagues)

Further to your recent conversation with Diana, I just wanted to alert you that we informed John Collinge of the news and also forwarded a copy of John Stephenson's letter to him. We have agreed to speak again in a couple of days once he has had time to reflect and we will keep you informed

Best wishes

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