

NBA PROCEDURE FOR RESPONDING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE CJD SURVEILLANCE UNIT

1. Introduction

This S.O.P. describes the procedure to be followed regarding the NBA response to information received about cases of nvCJD from the CJD Surveillance Unit.

- 1.1. The Department of Health has instructed the CJD Surveillance Unit (CJDSU) to notify the UK Blood Transfusion Services of the identity of patients strongly suspected of, or diagnosed as having, nvCJD. On receipt of this information, NBA will establish whether that person donated blood, bone or other tissue to NBA. If yes, any unused supplies will be recalled and placed in quarantine. Recipients will be identified but will not be notified at this time.

2. Health and safety

There are no specific health and safety issues for this procedure.

3. Materials

There are no special materials required for this procedure.

4. Staff

Only authorised staff may perform this procedure.

5. Procedure

5.1. CJDSU will notify NBA of each strongly suspected or confirmed case of nvCJD where the patient was resident, or may have donated, in England.

5.2. NBA contacts will be as follows (in descending order).

Dr. P. E. Hewitt

Dr. M. C. Moore

Dr. E. Caffrey

Dr. A. Robinson

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The initial contact will be by telephone. Hard copy will be marked "Strictly Confidential, addressee only" and sent by CJDSU to Dr. P.E. Hewitt at National Blood Service, North London Centre, Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5BG. Fax number

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5.3. Action on receipt of the notification

5.3.1. If the details supplied indicate that the patient is known to have donated blood within the previous 12 months, alert the contact at the relevant blood centre by telephone.

5.3.2. Forward the entire form for entry to the donor database by Dr.

Charlotte Llewellyn (NBA, East Anglia Centre) - Tel.

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5.4. Action at NBA Database

5.4.1. Enter^{ey} the relevant details provided by CJDSU to the NBA database.

5.4.2. Prepare standard documentation (TMER1, TMER2, and covering letter) and send to the nominated contact at all NBA Blood Centres.

5.4.3. On receipt of the returned documentation, enter^{er} complete details into the NBA database.

5.5. Action at Blood Centres

5.5.1. The named contact will arrange a search of the donor database to establish whether the patient has acted as a donor (for blood, bone or other tissue).

- 5.5.2. If the named patient has acted as a donor, complete information on the fate of all components should be established and entered on the appropriate documentation (TMER2).
- 5.5.3. Return the documents to the NBA database, whether or not a record is found.
- 5.6. Action to be taken at the Blood Centre if a nvCJD patient was an NBA donor.
- 5.6.1. Identify all donation(s), date of donation(s), components made and their fate.
- 5.6.2. If any components are in stock, withdraw them immediately and place in quarantine, input a medical hold flag to prevent any issue of components.
- 5.6.3. If any components (e.g. FFP) could still be held by hospital blood banks, initiate a recall and place in quarantine on receipt.
- 5.6.4. Notify BPL of the donation number, plasma batch number and date of any plasma sent for fractionation using the notification procedures defined in BPL 00503.POL, with copies to Dr A. Robinson. BPL will follow this up and take action in accordance with its procedures. Confirmation that BPL has been notified should be included on TMER2.

5.6.5. If the donor provided bone or tissues, including processed bone, remove these immediately and quarantine.

5.6.6. Identify the recipients of any blood components or tissues provided by the donor. In line with currently approved policy (TMER), recipients will not be notified at this time. However, the information will be shared with CJDSU, through return of details to the NBA database.

5.6.7. Keep the NBA Team fully briefed at all times to facilitate co-ordination.

5.7. Action to be taken at NBA if an nvCJD patient was a donor in England.

5.7.1. Provide co-ordination and support. Prepare briefing notes.

5.7.2. Notify:

Sue Cunningham/Patricia Murchie

CJDSU (Dr. Bob Will)

Department of Health (Dr. Jeremy Metters)

MCA

SNBTS (Professor I. Franklin)

Northern Ireland BTS (Dr. M. McClelland)

Welsh BTS (Dr. G. Williams)

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