

Dr Scott

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Dr McIntyre (on return)

AIDS

1. You should be aware of the attached DHSS submission received today. The submission and the proposed leaflet are in line with what has been tentatively agreed by the English and Scottish RTDs. The most significant alteration from the draft leaflet prepared by Dr Gunson (based substantially on Dr McClelland's version) is under How Can The Risks Be Reduced? It is stated "until more is known about this disease, donors are requested not to give blood if they think they may either have the disease or be at risk from it." The NMTS version reads "until more is known about the disease a person who is in any of the high risk groups of developing AIDS described in this leaflet should not give blood even though they are in normal health at the present time."
2. However we are informed that Mr Fowler's first reaction is that the terms of this leaflet are too strong, and that DHSS may therefore be making further amendments.
3. I have spoken to Dr Cash and he would be content with the current DHSS version as I have described it to him. He strongly favours a single UK leaflet (which would require only very minor presentational amendments) and I agree that this would be best. However we could put out an SNBTS leaflet with the same text - would this be for CSA or SHHD? (1 or 200,000 leaflets would be required for Scotland).
4. I hope to have a word with Mr Davies tomorrow morning to take stock and exchange views, and if there are any further developments in the next day or so we/I can have a word with Dr Cash on Friday afternoon.

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Drop PS minute
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Mr McBryde

I have spoken to Mr Parker, DHSS, who is perfectly happy to internationalize the circular by deleting 'National' in front of 'R-T-S-' wherever it occurs. We therefore shall have a UK version. We should tell Mr MacKay what is afoot, & can use the existing draft to show him - brief draft