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VARIANT CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE

265 Lynne Featherstone (Hornsey & Wood Green):

To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the potential financial liability to the NHS arising from claims from patients with bleeding disorders infected with vCJD from NHS transfusions; and if he will make a statement. [258724]

DAWN PRIMAROLO

No such estimate has been made. The vCJD Trust is available to pay compensation to patients with clinical variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) and their families and carers. No patients with bleeding disorders have been diagnosed with clinical vCJD.