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Subject: vCJD & BLOOD: BBC

Sue

Lord Hunt will wish to be aware that BBC's Watchdog Healthcheck programme are planning an item about blood products and vCJD, which we think may be broadcast on Monday evening.

Watchdog have today faxed all hospitals who received the implicated batches from BPL asking, among other things, for the numbers of patients who received the products and whether those who may have been exposed will be notified. We have therefore put together the attached briefing note for Regions to cascade.

We also heard on the grapevine that the BBC are asking clinicians questions such as "how many haemophiliacs do you think have been infected with vCJD?", which I think gives an indication of the slant the programme will take.

Needless to say, this is all being fuelled by the Haemophilia Society as part of their campaign for synthetic clotting factors.

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vCJD & Blood Products. Briefing for Regions