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Subject: FW: Public Health Link: PROTECTING THE BLOOD SUPPLY FROM
VARIANT CJD: DEFERRAL OF DONORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A
BLOOD TRANSFUSION [URGENT (ca scade within 24 hours)]

Dear Zubeda

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Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Murphy Mike Sent: 16 March 2004 15:13

To: Mann Nainesh

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See the long link below for the full text - but not there yet.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: MIME :Jenny.turner@GRO-C Sent: 16 March 2004 15:10

To: Murphy Mike; Chris.hatton@GRO-C; Tim.littlewood@GRO-C;

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> For consultant haematologists (including Mike Murphy), Julie H-J and

Jenny

> Dorey.

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> From: Morris, James Dr.

> Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 14:53 PM

> To: Turner, Jenny

> Subject: FW: Public Health Link: PROTECTING THE BLOOD SUPPLY FROM

> VARIANT CJD: DEFERRAL OF DONORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION

> [URGENT (cascade within 24 hours)]

> Importance: High

> > Dear Jenny,
> > > Thanks, James.
> > -----Original Message-----
> From: Messages_Urgent_CMO@GRO-C
> [mailto:Messages_Urgent_CMO@GRO-C] > Sent: 16 March 2004 13:19
> To: Messages_Urgent_CMO@GRO-C
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> within 24 hours)]
> Importance: High
> > Cascade Codes: #COMMUNITYPHARMACISTS##GP#
> > > To: NHS Trusts - Medical Directors (England)
> Primary Care Trusts - Directors of Public Health
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> Public Health Link
> > Cc: Chairman - Professional Executive Committee of PCT
> Consultants in Communicable Disease
> Regional Directors of Public Health
> Strategic Health Authorities (England) - Directors of Public
> Health
> Territorial CMOs
> > From: Sir Liam Donaldson - Chief Medical Officer - Department
of
> Health
> Date: 16 March 2004
> Reference: CEM/CMO/2004/3
> > Category: URGENT (cascade within 24 hours)
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> - Trust Chief Pharmacists
> > Cc:
> - Regional Directors of Public Health
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> - UK CMOs
> - Chairmen of Professional Executive Committee
> - CCDCs
> > Dear Colleague,
> > PROTECTING THE BLOOD SUPPLY FROM VARIANT CJD: DEFERRAL OF DONORS WHO
HAVE
> RECEIVED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION
> > People who have received a blood transfusion in the UK since 1980

will

- > no longer be able to donate blood. This additional donor selection
- > criterion will be implemented by all four of the UK Blood Services,
- > including the National Blood Service (NBS), on 5th April 2004.
- > > This is a further precautionary measure against the possible risk of
- > variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) being transmitted by blood
- and
- > blood components. It comes in the light of the first possible
- > transmission of vCJD by blood transfusion which was reported in
- > December
- > 2003.
- > > It must be stressed that this is an entirely precautionary measure.
- > Since 1997 the NBS has put in place a number of other measures against
- > the possible risk of transmission of vCJD. This additional measure
- will
- > further reduce the risk of a potential onward cycle of transmission
- > through transfusion.
- > > Donors, indeed anyone who has been transfused, should not be alarmed
- by
- > this measure. This is only a precautionary step in the continuing
- > drive
- > to make blood transfusion even safer. The benefit of receiving a
- blood
- > transfusion when needed far outweighs the possibility of contracting
- > vCJD.
- > > Background
- > Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) is one of a group of diseases called
- > Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies. The cause is an abnormal
- > "infectious protein" known as a prion. All of these diseases have a
- > very
- > long incubation period, cause severe and irreversible damage to the
- > central nervous system and there are, so far, no treatments.
- > > Sporadic CJD, which was first described in the early 1920s, occurs
- > throughout the world and affects one person per million per year with
- > an
- > average age of onset of 65 years. There is also a very rare inherited
- > form of the disease. The UK Blood Services already have criteria for
- > excluding blood and tissue donors who are, or who could be at an
- > increased risk for these types of CJD.
- > > Variant CJD
- > A different form of CJD, called variant CJD (vCJD) was first
- identified
- > in 1996. Unlike sporadic CJD, vCJD affects younger people (a median
- > age
- > of 29, range 14-74 years old). Clinical presentation is also
- > different.
- > The clinical, epidemiological, neuropathological and experimental data
- > all point to vCJD being caused by the same strain of prion as Bovine
- > Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) which is different
- > from the strain of prion seen in sporadic CJD.
- > > As of 1st March 2004 there have been 146 definite and probable cases
- of
- > vCJD in the UK, 1 case each in the Irish Republic, Italy, USA, Canada
- > and Hong Kong and six cases in France. The eventual number of
- > individuals within the UK population likely to develop vCJD remains
- > uncertain; current estimates range from current numbers up to 540. It
- > is therefore not known what number of current or past blood, or tissue
- > donors, may develop vCJD in the future.
- > > Action taken to date to protect the blood supply
- > In view of the uncertainty as to whether vCJD could be transmitted by
- > blood or blood products, the UK Blood Services have taken a number of
- > precautionary measures:
- > > * Withdrawal and recall of any blood components, plasma
- derivatives
- > or
- > tissues obtained from any individual who later develops vCJD

> (December
 > 1997).
 > * Importation of plasma from the US for fractionation to
 > manufacture
 > plasma derivatives (announced May 1998, implemented October 1999).
 > * Leucodepletion (removal of white blood cells) of all
 > blood
 > components (announced July 1998, implemented Autumn 1999).
 > * Importation of fresh frozen plasma from the United States
 > for
 > patients born on or after 1st January 1996 (announced August 2002, to
 > be
 > implemented spring 2004).
 > * Promotion of appropriate use of blood and tissues and
 > alternatives
 > throughout the NHS.
 > > Information for donors and the general public
 > The risk of not having a blood transfusion when needed far outweighs
 > any
 > possible risk of contracting vCJD through a transfusion.
 > > It is important to put this risk into context. To date there has
 > been
 > only one possible case of vCJD being transmitted by blood, yet the NBS
 > issues over 2.5 million units of blood every year.
 > > UK Blood Services can offer further information and advice to blood
 > donors on 0845 7711 711.
 > > NHS Direct can offer advice and information to members of the public
 > who
 > are concerned about the risk of contracting vCJD from a blood
 > transfusion on 0845 4647.
 > > If you wish to amend your contact details or add new contact details to
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