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Subject: Leucodepletion: letter to PM

I have just had the call from Angus that the PM is not content at present with the line on leucodepletion. We will get a letter later today which I will fax around: the main messages are:

- \* PM wants more convincing and particularly wants the risk quantified
- \* He wants more on the advantages of leucodepletion alluded to (sorry)
- \* He wants to know how far down the line of leucodepletion have we got already and how far would we have got before nvCJD happened in rolling it out more widely.

We obviously have some persuasion on our hands to do if we want to proceed with this. I am assuming it is deeply unlikely that we will be ready for a Wednesday announcement.

The Scots are still planning to weigh in but will now wait for our response to the latest queries. (Mr Dewar is spending today choosing the new Scottish Parliament building.)

Fiona