
SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr Dolaghan,

SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) nvCJD and Leucodepletion - Advice to Government

I attach for your information a copy of the advice to Government following the SEAC meeting of 15 June 1998, which recommends that the Government should extend the use of leucodepletion for all blood destined for transfusion as soon as practically possible. Please note that this advice is not yet in the public domain.

I also attach a copy of a submission by Department of Health officials to the Secretary of State for Health, outlining proposals for handling. I understand that this was copied to officials in your Department and I assume they will be making a parallel submission.

Yours sincerely,

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