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Subject: nvCJD implicated blood product recall - No 2

You will all wish to be aware that the NBS have completed the trace of the fate of the donations from donors who subsequently developed nvCJD and that, as a result, a second blood product recall will take place today.

I need to discuss handling with PPD, but I would propose it should be handled as last week, with the NBA making a statement to the Press Association and having a Press Release available for those who pick it up. As for the Department's line - we will simply revamp last week's briefing.

I understand that the products in question are again albumin and Factor 8, and that some intermediate product has gone to Egypt and Brazil.

Although this announcement may cause some alarm if the press choose to interpret two recalls two weeks running as "is this the start of an epidemic", I think we can play up the speed within which this has been carried out and this is - for the moment at least - the end of the trace exercise relating to existing confirmed nvCJD cases.

I will of course try to ensure that everyone is kept informed.

Chris