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Dear Clive

Re: Variant CJD

I was recently notified by the Transfusion Transmitted Working Party that my Centre had received about 6-batches of Factor VIII or IX manufactured from plasma pools contaminated with plasma from patients who subsequently developed variant CJD. I was at that point completely unaware of this fact and not a little displeased that I had not been informed of this directly by the manufacturer.

I made enquiries and Mr Greenwood informed me that he had informed the Transfusion Service but there was no direct notification to our Service about these batches. I received no notification from the Transfusion Service who supplied these batches to me. To be frank, since I am the major user of Factor VIII in the North West and one of probably only three centres supplied directly by the Transfusion Service in this region, I cannot see why you did not notify me directly of the batches that were implicated. Other manufacturers in the past have sent out a complete list of affected batches to all Centres who may have used them. I am also somewhat disappointed by the Blood Transfusion Service not passing on the appropriate information.

Finally, I am extremely puzzled that the Transfusion Transmitted Disease Working Party is furnished with details, presumably from you, telling them which Centres have used which batches, whilst the Centre in question has never been provided with this information directly. This is clearly extremely unsatisfactory and I should welcome your comments.

Yours sincerely

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