

# SACTTI WORKING GROUP FOR vCJD

## REMIT

On behalf of the Standing Advisory Committees of the Joint UK BTS/NIBSC Professional Advisory Committee to examine vCJD issues as they affect the UK Blood Services and to build a comprehensive knowledge base from which to provide consistent advice within the Red Book Framework to the UK Blood Transfusion Services.

- To provide a cohesive professional overview and advice on vCJD issues including critical analysis of current and emerging data of relevance.
- To provide input into the Red Book Guidelines for the UK Blood Transfusion Services in collaboration with the relevant SACs if and when necessary.
- To examine the impact of vCJD on the supply of blood and plasma products in the UK.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

Broadly to examine the following issues:

- What is the biology of this agent in the blood?
- What is the likely epidemiology of vCJD in the blood donor population?
- What is the risk of transmission?
- Is there a test?
- Are there other policies which could be developed to contain the risk?

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## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

To the Chair of SACTTI, onward to the Chair of the Joint BTS/NIBSC Professional Advisory Committee and the UK Forum.

## **OUTPUT**

- Input to the Red Book Guidelines for the UK Blood Transfusion Services.
- Revise the UK Blood Transfusion Services position statement.
- Regular review of recommendations and positions reached.
- Minute/Report to Chair of SACTTI as and when required.