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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dr David Deleacy

**FROM:** Dr Angela Robinson

**CC:** Mike Fogden  
Martin Gorham  
Dr Nicky Anderson  
Dr Chris Moore  
Dr Pat Hewitt  
Dr Andrew Herborn

**DATE:** 6 December 1999

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**RE:** TMER Recipients

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Thank you for your letter of 29 November with regard to the instruction from the NBA Board to flag TMER recipients on the Pulse database.

The NBA has taken legal and ethical advice from the Department of Health and at this stage, there is no specific legal requirement under the Data Protection Act to notify these individuals. Appropriate steps are being taken to draw up national counselling guidelines in association with the CJD Surveillance Unit and the Department of Health vCJD Ethical Committee, for use if they should ever become donors.

My instruction therefore stands that these TMER recipients, now flagged on the Pulse Database, are not to be notified at this stage. If any of them present as donors, I (or in my absence, Pat Hewitt or Alan Slopecki) must be notified immediately so that appropriate ethical or legal action can then be taken.

I shall be responsible for discharging the NBA's ethical and legal obligations.

GRO-C: Angela Robinson

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