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TMER 476 latest vCJD notification_Item 10
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From: Hampson Hilary
Sent: 24 March 2005 14:31
To: Crawford Kelly; Williamson Lorna; Hartley Chris
Subject: FW: TMER 476: latest vCJD notification

For info.

Kelly - please circulate to BTSAG Exec.

Regards

Hilary

-----Original Message-----

From: Hewitt Patricia
Sent: 21 March 2005 16:35
To: 'kate soldan'; 'rowena jecock'
Cc: Robinson Angela (Medical Director); 'richard jones'; 'Jan MacKenzie'
Subject: TMER 476: latest vCJD notification

Dear Kate and Rowena

This is an early warning about a new case of possible vCJD in an individual who is known to have donated blood in Wales and England.

According to the current procedures, vCJD cases are only notified to Blood Services when probable or confirmed. This case was known to be a donor and was in fact notified to us by the local clinicians before NCJDSU had seen the case. It has now been notified by NCJDSU because there is a history of blood donation and the clinical suspicion is high. It is not yet, however, a probable or confirmed case.

We have confirmed that the individual has donated blood in the last 2 years, and a recall for in-date blood components (FFP was issued from two of these donations) was carried out. It is likely that these components were transfused some time ago, but we always institute the recall in case they remain in a freezer in a hospital blood transfusion laboratory.

I understand that there have been several blood donations. There will almost inevitably be living recipients. We will start to trace the fate of the donations. However, I believe we should take no further action (advising clinicians to seek advice from the CIP) until the case moves from "possible" to "probable". I will let you know when this happens.

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Regards

Pat