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### **ADDENDUM TO**

**Minutes of the NBS Blood and Tissue Safety Assurance Group meeting  
held at the West End Donor Centre  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2002 – (10.30-15.15)**

- 12.2** EAER reported that there has been notification of a further vCJD case with a donation history spanning September 1999 to September 2001. Advice is being sought from the DH as to how to proceed.

Seven donations and eight potential recipients are involved. The current situation is that the Clinical Incident Panel has produced a consultation document which changes the advice which we would have given in the past. No decision has been made on this document and as the document has implications for confidentiality, it is not possible to progress at the moment. The incident has been reported to the CIP and to Charles Lister.

The CIP is unwilling to advise that the recipient should be informed at the moment as the support structure is not in place. A clear plan is needed. What is the Public Health implication of this case. i.e. prevention of further potential transmission via transfusion? AR recommended following the NBS practice to date and identifying the recipients but this presents the risk that confidentiality will be breached.

MG suggested a letter to Pat Troop, with a copy to Chair of the CIP, to urgently clarify what we are proposing to do. This letter will be drafted by PEH with the assistance of JM and will be jointly signed by MG and AR. JM will liaise with CL about communications, handling strategy for the case.

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