

Dr Gordon

BLOOD TRANSFUSION & HEPATITIS

At the last meeting of Regional Blood Transfusion Directors it was agreed that the Department be asked to raise this matter with the Consultative Committee of Medical Officers of Health.

The directors would like medical officers of health to consider the possibilities of notifying the appropriate director at regular intervals of -

1. Patients developing infective jaundice at a relevant period after having had blood or blood products
2. Contacts in a household who are donors
3. Cases where the patients are donors and who might have given blood whilst infected.

It was felt that the recent statutory notification system introduced would make this a feasible proposition.

Could you raise this appropriately for discussion?

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