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SCREENING BLOOD DONATIONS FOR AIDS ANTIBODY

CMO wished to consider this submission prepared with administrative colleagues for Ministers to obtain approval in principle for the introduction of a screening test for AIDS antibodies in the National Blood Transfusion Service.

The UK test is currently being used at the Middlesex Hospital and at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale to detect antibody carriers amongst patients thought to have AIDS or the AIDS related complex, haemophiliacs and male homosexuals attending STD Clinics.

Scale up of production of the reagent is necessary before the test can be applied more widely.

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