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Dear Professor Cash

Thank you for your letter of 28 July concerning the introduction of additional routine screening tests on blood donations; in particular you referred to the CHIRON test for Non A Non B Hepatitis, the HIV 1+2 test and the HIV2 test.

As you are aware there is a UK Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood which is meeting regularly and considering the sensitivity and specificity of the tests available for a variety of infective agents including those named above. If it is considered desirable to introduce a further routine screening test for blood donors I understand that this will be done simultaneously throughout the UK - as was done in the case of the current HIV test.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr Jeremy Metters, Deputy Chief Medical Officer at the Department of Health and to administrative colleagues here in SHHD.

Yours sincerely

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