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MATT/MAT - we get the files out and discuss/prepare an update R. 25/7.

Mr Panton  
Re update progress - follow up on A-E G24/7

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MINUTES OF SNBTS ISSUES MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 1994 IN CONFERENCE ROOM B, ST ANDREW'S HOUSE

In attendance:

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| Mr Tucker, Chairman | Mr Donald, GM, CSA |
| Dr Young            | Mr McIntosh, GM, } |
| Dr Keel             | Professor Cash, }  |
| Mr Panton           | Dr Perry, }        |
| Mrs Falconer        | Dr McClelland, }   |
- } SNBTS

- Mr Tucker indicated that it had been some time since the ME and SNBTS had met to discuss issues of topical interest. It was agreed that meetings on a quarterly basis would be useful.
- The following matters were discussed and action agreed.

SNBTS STRATEGY

- It was agreed that the SNBTS strategy for the next 5-10 years should be revised in light of the outcome of PES 1993. Mr McIntosh advised that this was already in hand and the SNBTS Management Board would meet in June to discuss the way forward. After consultation with interested parties recommendations would be submitted to the Management Executive through the CSA Board. Items under consideration would include possible cross charging, better use of surplus components which could be processed for supply to England, new developments outwith core activities and investigating the market for potential new customers.
- Mr McIntosh was anxious however that the Treasury rules on the treatment of income should be changed in respect of costs recovered from the "sale" of surplus blood and blood products. Mr Tucker pointed out that Treasury also wanted to encourage private sector investment and that this should be considered in the revised strategy. Mr McIntosh considered that the SNBTS was an exception and should not utilise private sector finance unless absolutely necessary. However it was recognised that capital funds for the NHS were likely to be constrained and that all sources need to be kept under review.

INFORMED CONSENT

- It was agreed that Mr Panton would check the position on the introduction of blood transfusion consent forms with DoH colleagues and feed in the concerns raised by the SNBTS. Legal advice would also be sought as necessary on the implications of this development.

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Asked Don  
fax 10/8

HCI

- Mr McIntosh reported that the demand from HCI had been unpredictable and that the SNBTS was now much less involved in staffing issues. There was concern however that as the terms of the agreement were tightly drawn the HCI might seek to import their own blood supplies. It was agreed Mr Panton would check whether there were any regulations prohibiting the importation of blood. It was considered that it would be difficult to influence HCI other than through the Consultant Haematologist Ann Morrison.

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Asked Don  
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## 7. CO-OPERATION WITH NBA

## a. Supply of Blood and Blood Products to England and Wales

The proposed priorities given in Mr McIntosh's letter of 20 April to the SNBTS Management Board were agreed. It was agreed that Mr Panton would write confirming this and SNBTS would then liaise with NBA.

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## b. Bain Report on PFC

Mr McIntosh advised that the SNBTS involvement with Bain Consultants was complementary to the overall Bain review of blood transfusion services in England, but was primarily aimed at assisting the SNBTS with internal studies already ongoing.

8. Dr Perry indicated that he was involved in discussions on co-operation with BPL/PFC on further cross-border co-operation including the possible rationalisation of the range of products. Mr Tucker reminded the SNBTS to have regard to possible criticisms of monopoly by the private sector. The Task Force Working Party set up to identify strengths and weaknesses and establish sensible working co-operation between SNBTS and BPL would report to a Steering Group made up of BPL and SNBTS management.

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will provide  
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9. Dr McClelland who is on the Strategy Group driven by the Bain Consultancy expressed concern about co-operation on the RTC front and indicated that he was wary of the implications to the SNBTS of the proposed rationalisation/re-organisation of RTCS in England and Wales.

## RED CELL DEMAND PROJECTIONS - BMJ ARTICLE

10. In response to a question about the Scottish position following the article published in the BMJ on 7 May Dr McClelland explained that the figures were for the whole of the UK and it was difficult to say what the position was in Scotland. He was exploring various ways to improve data collection and it was agreed he would pursue with Dr Keel the possibility of conducting a Scottish Pilot Study provided this could be done within existing resources. Dr McClelland was already working with ISD on blood use records and confirmed that in the main surgeons were content that data on blood use was collected and shown on the SMRO.

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Asked Dr Keel  
for progress  
report 10/8

11. At this stage Dr Young and Mr Tucker had to leave the meeting and Mr Panton took the chair.

## BLOOD PRODUCT LABELS

12. It was agreed that as this item was due to be reconsidered by a UK Labels Committee it would be inappropriate to discuss this. Stocks of existing labels were sufficient until October and proposals for new labels would be fully discussed with English colleagues before any changes are implemented.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.

a. **Hepatitis C - Look Back**

Mr McIntosh indicated that when HEP C testing of donations was introduced in 1991 it was not thought appropriate to look back over previous donations. Mr Panton confirmed that any claims for compensation following infection with Hepatitis C should be refuted. After discussion it was agreed that Mr McIntosh would send a draft policy statement about look back to the Department for clearance. This would then be used in response to any newspaper/media enquiries received by SNBTS. (Following further developments after the meeting a meeting was arranged for Tuesday 24 May to discuss SNBTS look back proposals.)

b. **Mr L Peterken - Review of CSA Divisions**

It was agreed that Mr Donald should write to Mr Peterken requesting a copy of his remit for the review of SNBTS.

## NEXT MEETING

14. The next meeting will be arranged for September.