



## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS**

### **Work Plan for 2011/12**

#### **Issue**

A work plan for 2011/12 has been drafted for Members' consideration (Annex 1).

The ACDP TSE Working Group Work Plan (Annex 2) has already been agreed by the TSE Working Group.

#### **Action**

Members are asked to consider the draft ACDP Work Plan for 2011/12 and suggest any amendments.

Once the Work Plan is signed off by the committee, it will be put on the ACDP HSE website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/meetings/committees/acdp/>.

#### **Secretariat**

**January 2011**

**Annex 1**

**Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP)**

**Work plan for 2011/2012**

1. To formulate a common set of containment measures to apply to animal and human pathogens following the review of the regulatory framework for animal pathogens
2. To maintain oversight of the work plan of the ACDP TSE Working Group\*
3. To establish a new group to provide TSE risk assessment advice as necessary
4. To complete the revision of the ACDP 1996 Guidance: "Management and Control of Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers"
5. To review the Approved List of Biological Agents
6. To review and update existing ACDP published guidance according to agreed priorities

## Annex 2

### Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens TSE Working Group:

#### Work Plan for 2011/2012

1. To review and update the current TSE guidance\* (Parts 2 and 3 are currently under revision)
2. To review Annex G of the TSE guidance\* on specialist equipment
3. To draft an additional annex of the TSE guidance\* to provide comprehensive and up-to-date advice on surgical procedures involving medium risk tissue
4. To review and update as necessary Annex J in collaboration with the Society of British Neurological Surgeons
5. To update issues on Health & Safety and lab containment to the TSE guidance\* in keeping with the new Single Regulatory Framework

\*The TSE guidance referred to above is the "Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy agents: safe working and the prevention of infection" available from: <http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/acdp/tseguidance/>. The guidance was published in 2003 but individual sections are revised as further scientific information becomes available or future policy decisions need to be reflected.