



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS

Secretariat Report for the 98th meeting of the ACDP, and matters arising from previous meetings

1. This paper includes reports on progress made with matters arising from the last meeting, reports from ACDP Working Groups and other relevant advisory committees as well as other items that may be of interest to members.

Matters Arising from the 97th meeting:

Griffin Committee Enquiry into *E.coli* 0157 outbreak at Godstone Farm

2. A multi-agency working group, led by the Health Protection Agency, was set up following the Griffin Committee Enquiry into the *E.coli* 0157 outbreak at Godstone Farm to consider the recommendations and to take matters forward as appropriate. The report on the work of the Godstone Multi-Agency Implementation Committee was published on 21st November 2011 and is attached (see paper ACDP/98/P4/Annex 1 or http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1317131725499).

Update on progress with publication of Blood Borne Virus (BBV) guidance

3. John Newbold to provide an update. The final draft of the BBV micro site content has been agreed with the HSE web team and clearance for final publication and has now been agreed by the HSE Publishing Guidance Group.

Update on the Single Regulatory Framework (SRF)

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Reports from ACDP Working Groups

ACDP TSE Risk Management Sub Group

5. The TSE Risk Management Sub Group (TSE RM SG) has met twice since the June 2011 ACDP meeting, on the 6th July and 2nd November 2011.

Annex M

6. The TSE RM SG has produced new guidance entitled “Managing vCJD risk in liver transplantation and general surgery.” This will be discussed in more detail under Agenda item 8.

Annex J

7. Issues have arisen regarding the implementation of Annex J (“Assessment to be carried out before surgery and/or endoscopy to identify patients with, or at increased risk of, CJD or vCJD”) of the TSE infection control guidance in relation to the identification and management of patients at risk of TSEs undergoing procedures involving contact with medium infectivity risk tissue. These issues have been discussed at recent TSE RM SG and CJD Incident Panel (CJDIP) meetings. It was agreed that a subgroup, consisting of members of both the TSE RM SG and CJDIP, would be convened to review Annex J. The subgroup meeting will be held on February 2nd to discuss these issues.

ACDP TSE Risk Assessment Sub Group

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