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CONSULTATION ON BLOOD TESTING FOLLOWING CRIMINAL INCIDENTS WHERE THERE IS A RISK OF INFECTION – PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION

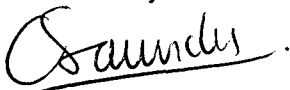
My general comments are:

- There is no scientific rationale supporting the proposals in the consultation paper.
- These proposals would not help protect anyone against infection from HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C.
- These proposals would negate patient confidentiality.
- I do not support these proposals at all.

Specific comments are:

- Q1 No.
Q2 I do not support mandatory testing.
Q3 I do not support mandatory testing.
Q4 No.
Q5 No.
Q6 I do not support mandatory testing.
Q7 No.
Q8 No.
Q9 I do not support mandatory testing. The results of any such testing would inevitably be made public.
Q10 I do not support mandatory testing.
Q11 I do not support mandatory testing.
Q12 I do not support mandatory testing.

Yours sincerely



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