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Dear Mr Barron

**Blood Testing following Criminal Incidents where there is a risk of infection:
Proposals for Legislation**

Thank you for allowing College the opportunity to comment on this document.

The risk of blood-borne infection is an important consideration, as it is pointed out in the document, not only for Police Officers but also those in the health care profession. We therefore welcome this proposed legislation and we wish to compliment the author on the very clear manner in which it is set out.

We find ourselves in agreement with the propositions in questions 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10,11 and 12. We would answer negatively to questions 6 and 9.

Yours sincerely

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Honorary Secretary