

# Infected Blood Inquiry

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## Mad Cow Disease

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**T**he Inquiry ventures into the world of vCJD some of which it appears was transmitted by blood.

First reported in 1986 when Stephen Dorrell, the then Secretary of State, reported the possibility of a transmission link between cows and humans.

Three experts talk through the causes and risks and describe the development of a national referral service for the identification of the disease.

*Counsel asks again the now familiar question “Who decided what to tell patients about the risk”?*

Some might argue that Haemophilia doctors were best placed to talk to patients although most knew little about vCJD.

There have been no new cases since 2016.

Whilst this is a side show to the main Inquiry there are still patients and families bearing the consequences of the infection.

