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To: The Secretary, All Branch Boards

Dear Colleague

Hepatitis B – immunisation policy

In light of information we have received regarding the above, where a number of forces are failing to comply with the guidance set out by ACPO JAG, we have consulted the BMA, who have set out the following guidance:

‘It is the view of the general practitioners committee of the BMA that there is not an obligation under the regulations governing GP’s contracts to administer Hep B vaccinations for occupational reasons, and that the patients should be referred to the employers occupational health department.’

From this guidance, it is important that each Joint Branch Board consults with their chief officers to ensure they have an effective immunisation policy in place.

Yours faithfully

John Francis
General Secretary