

REPORT OF MEETING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES  
ON CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE

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1. Paper

Annex - report of meeting

2. Background

The recent report from the ARC Advisory Committee on Scrapie\* raised the question of whether those whose occupation suggested they might be a contact with scrapie had a higher risk of developing Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. A meeting was arranged on 9 March 1978, chaired by Professor J N Walton, to advise the Board on the value and feasibility of carrying out epidemiological studies on Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The general conclusions reached are set out in paragraph 11 of the annex. The participants also made suggestions about possible action which might be taken (annex para. 12). The office will be seeking advice before the Board meeting on how these suggestions might be put into practice and on the costs likely to be involved.

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3. Action required

- (i) To note the general conclusions reached at the meeting (annex page 4 para and
- (ii) to decide whether to endorse the suggestions for possible action (annex page 4 para 12).

\* available from the office on request