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SUSPECT CASE OF CJD IN AN ABATTOIR WORKER

1. My note of yesterday refers.
2. The case is reported on P6 of today's Guardian. I have spoken to Dr Will this morning, and he says that at the moment it must be regarded as a "possible" case. There are some atypical features, but equally it could be consistent with CJD. The man, who is 52, worked for about 2 years until 1991 in the layerage of the abattoir, which deals mainly with beef steers and sheep. He did not apparently work with carcasses or offals but may on occasion have had contact with the stunning area.
3. SEAC will pick this up at their next meeting.
4. The second case mentioned in the Guardian article is unknown to the CJD Surveillance Unit.

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