

The distribution of blood products

- 1 Blood products from the Blood Products Laboratory are currently distributed approximately on the basis of an assessment of Regional requirements for patient treatment.
- 2 However, it is now widely accepted that this method of distribution is proving to be a disincentive to the collection of plasma, because there is no guarantee that if a Centre puts more money and effort into the collection of plasma to meet its Regional requirements and reduce purchases of commercial blood products, it will receive back a commensurate amount of finished NHS products. Several Regions have indicated that they are willing to send more plasma for processing if they can be sure of getting back almost all the finished products. [See paragraph 4.]
- 3 Accordingly, the Department proposes that with effect from 1 April 1981 Regions will receive from the BPL factor VIII, plasma protein fraction etc in quantities proportional to the amount of plasma sent for processing, account being taken of the yield from the particular batch of plasma.
- 4 The requirements of Regions with special units will have to be taken into account. The Director of the Blood Products Laboratory will endeavour to ensure that the supply of blood products for these units is maintained.