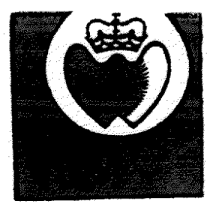


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In common with most regions, a fair amount of money is still spent in Trent on commercial Factor VIII. Is it possible that you would be in a position to let us have more Factor VIII concentrate if we were to send you more than the present allocation of FFP. This will obviously mean something to the Treasurer's department and on this basis I am sure they would agree to give me the extra revenue. I appreciate that you may well be approaching capacity so far as Factor VIII production is concerned but, since I do not know the exact position, I thought that this approach to you might be worthwhile.

Incidentally, if we were to come to this kind of arrangement, it would inevitably reduce the amount of time-expired plasma which we would be providing. Since at the moment we are one of your few suppliers of plasma in Winchester, I would be grateful if you would give me a minimum figure for this type of plasma which you require from us.

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