

## Memorandum

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I took a phone call yesterday from Jean Harrison who was responding to my recent e-mail. The key points from the conversation were as follows:-

1. During the 1980s Brentwood Transfusion Centre acted as a wholesaler for the distribution of BPL product to hospitals in North East Thames RHA, including Southend General Hospital. Details of all product issues were recorded in a log book which was lost or destroyed during the re-organisation within the NBA London and South East zone. She therefore believes that it would be almost impossible for the existing staff at Brentwood to confirm that Southend received a particular batch during the 1980s.
2. Immuno did not start to supply Partobolin to the UK until the early 1990s, so it is reasonable to assume that the only Anti-D used by Southend in the 1980s was manufactured by BPL.
3. Brentwood ceased to act as a wholesaler for BPL products in the early 1990s (difficult to give a precise date). Therefore, BPL's records of direct sales are probably an accurate record of hospital usage for much of the 1990s. (Note: By reference to files held in BPL Customer Services it would be possible to establish the precise date when Brentwood ceased to be involved if that proved necessary).
4. Jean felt that staff at Southend should be able to state whether or not they were purchasing Anti-D from BPL or Immuno in March 1993. Her suggestion is that we encourage the solicitors involved (ie. Deas Mallen Souter) to contact Dr Mike Mills, Consultant Haematologist, Southend General Hospital for this information. There is some merit in the latter suggestion; after all, there is no evidence at present that the patient involved received BPL product or even that the hospital stocked BPL product

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