

SUPPLY OF FRESH FROZEN PLASMA BY RTCs

Quantities additional to those currently being provided which Regions expect to send to BPL in each of the 6 months April - September 1978. Summary of information provided in response to the Department's letter of 8 March 1978 (copy annexed)

RTC	RESPONSE	INCREASE
Newcastle	May be able to send about 3 5-L bags extra per week (ie 23 per week instead of present 20)	3 5L packs per week
Leeds	RTC already having to limit supply of plasma to the BPL because of lack of technical staff available to empty single packs into 5L ones. But can increase supply quickly if BPL will accept single packs.	-
Cambridge	Already sending a fair amount and most of the time exceed current target. Cannot produce any more without more staff and equipment.	-
Edgware	Cannot increase amounts before September. After September may increase production by about 108L weekly, but would need extra revenue of £50,000 per annum + capital monies of £20,000	-
North East Thames - Brentwood	Can increase yield by 10%. This would raise level to 50,000 donations of plasma per annum. But will need £9,000 per annum to buy double bags. Are consulting Regional Treasurer about this extra expenditure and will let us know outcome.	10% ?
South London - Tooting	Cannot increase output of fresh plasma. But depending on extra finance from RHA may be able to increase output of plasma for ppf by about 4,100L per annum.	-
Oxford	Not possible to increase output owing to lack of facilities. Already separating donations for harvesting plasma at the rate of about 55,000 per annum, which represents 50% of total intake of blood.	-
Bristol	May be able to send additional 7 or 8 5L packs per month. Cannot send more unless additional mobile teams and processing staff available.	7-8 5L packs per month
Southampton	Expect to send about 1,600L between April-September. Cannot send any more unless BPL can accept single packs of fresh frozen plasma.	? 83L per month

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Sheffield	Can supply 5,000 plasma donations extra per annum	? 416 donations per month
Birmingham	Because of present level of staff and accommodation cannot increase donations of fresh frozen plasma between April - September.	-
Liverpool	Major building modifications being carried out which are affecting the plasma production unit. However, if BPL can accept single packs it would be possible to send 12 packs per week (250ml Packs) donated by plasmapheresis donors.	? 12 (250ml) packs per week
Manchester	Not yet possible to say how much extra plasma can be supplied since RTC only recently started on the scheme. But any extra plasma would entail extra staff and equipment.	-

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