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CMO 46182 - HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL

1. I enclose a copy of a letter received by CMO from Dr Christine Lee at the Royal Free Hospital Haemophilia Unit.
2. I attach a first attempt at a draft reply, and I would be grateful for your views if possible by 9 December 1994.

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Andrew - I'm happy with all you say in the draft; it would work in the additional things that purchasers (like the NHS as a whole) have to get the best health care they can for the resources available, so more for one group (eg haemophiliacs) means less for another (eg patients with end-stage renal failure)? It is therefore unethical to use a more expensive treatment if there is no reasonable likelihood of greater benefit. Local purchasers/providers are more likely to get these difficult decisions right than Prime Minister!

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