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Williams

X This seems a bit excessive

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Copies for Mr Williams (is X ok?)

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## AIDS

I thought it would be useful, in the light of discussion at the Management Board meeting on 11 November, if I were to let CMO have a brief note on provision for AIDS following the Survey. The note has been agreed with Mrs Firth and Dr Ower.

2. As CMO knows the Survey outcome was relatively tight and we had to agree that the costs of testing blood donations (£4m) and the extra cost of and heat treated blood products (£8m) would be a charge on Regions' cost improvement programme. We were however able to secure resources to provide for:-

1. £0.75 million for PHLSB, to cover the full year costs of the support they were given this year.

2. £2 million for the publicity campaign, for which of course £0.75 million has been found in 1985-86.

3. £3 million to be allocated within HCHS revenue.

3. The AIDS resources working group recommended that the £3 million be allocated as follows:-

1. £1 million each to North East and North West Thames and £0.5 million to South East Thames, towards the costs of inpatient and outpatient facilities for treatment of their exceptional caseload. As North East Thames anticipate, on their latest figures, spending £1.2 million, these sums look a perfectly adequate earmarked contribution.

2. £100,000 to continue counselling courses at St Mary's Paddington and elsewhere.

X | 3. £270,000 for counselling to the 6 haemophilia reference centres (continuing the 1985-86 level of support).

4. The use of the remaining £130,000 is still to be resolved.

4. Undoubtedly other health authorities will incur costs in treating AIDS victims, but for 1986-87 these should be small and will be met from within the total pool of their general allocations and CIPS. The Department will need to monitor both the growth in the number of cases and costs in order to decide on an appropriate bid in the 1986 PES. (As you will recall, Mr Clarke would not agree to a rising PES bid in the Survey, and we accepted that a higher bid for 1987-88 should wait until the next PES round).

5. The Planning Guidelines will give us an opportunity to tell authorities that they must give priority to local measures to prevent the spread of AIDS. I know the general availability of counselling, local information services and local telephone enquiry points have been mooted. Detailed guidance can be issued when ready, and added to during the year. If this has significant

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resources consequences, we should make sure that Ministers (advised by the Management Board) address the question of what other priorities might have to be cut.

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