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BLOOD: (A) RECORD-KEEPING AND STOCK CONTROL
(B) HANDLING CHARGES FOR SUPPLY TO NON-NHS HOSPITALS

The attached submission seeks approval of the issue of

a. guidance to Health Authorities on accountability in the handling of blood and blood products.

The preparation of this circular was instigated by the allegations concerning the sale of blood and blood plasma by Dr Patterson and others at the National Heart Hospital. The trials are due to commence at the Old Bailey in April, and will undoubtedly attract considerable media interest. It is therefore essential for the Department to be seen to have taken positive action to institute a system of control for blood and blood products designed to prevent any further scandals of this type.

b. Approval to consultation with the NHS on the terms of a Health Circular introducing handling charges for the supply of blood and blood products to non-NHS hospitals.

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