

Mr Wormald

BLOOD PRODUCTS LABORATORY

I have discussed with Dr Walford a number of jobs which have to be done following Ministers' response to the paper on the BPL. We suggest they might be undertaken as follows:

- 1 Consultations with industry (to be completed in 6 months) on building and running a plant to process raw materials provided by the NHS. Supply Division to be asked to organize and chair. You may wish to minute Mr Hart; if so I will draft.
- 2 Preparation within 1 month of technical and policy briefing for Supply Division. Dr Walford to chair a Med SM4/HS2 group with other branches (and STC?) being involved as necessary.
- 3 Projection of requirements of existing BPL for 1981/82 onwards. Dr Walford to chair a group involving HS2, Works Group, Medicines Division, and members of STC (including Director).
- 4 Financing of requirements at 3 above. I will deal with this in the JMC's Finance Sub-Committee.
- 5 Requirements for new BPL if built with public money. Informal consideration has been started by STC; this can be transferred to a Departmental group (as at 3 above) chaired by Dr Walford.
- 6 Costing of requirements at 5 above. I will take this on as part of the work of the Finance Sub-Committee.
- 7 Working up in detail, in consultation with Medicines Division, of the note prepared for Deputy Secretaries/DCMO in connection with the paper submitted to Ministers. That paper listed Medicines Division recommendations for the BPL and showed those in hand, those dependent on resources, and those not expected to be carried out. Dr Walford will work with Dr Lane and Mr Dutton on this.

If you and Dr Oliver agree we will proceed in this fashion, sharing out similarly any other tasks that manifest themselves. It may be that for some of these jobs (5 in particular) we shall need to formalize things to the extent of drawing up terms of reference for ourselves. Dr Walford and I will prepare these if necessary.

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