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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

It is widely accepted that the developments which have occurred in recent years in Blood Transfusion practice, the increasing requirements for adequate supply of products derived from blood and the need to ensure supplies of plasma, call for greater co-ordination of the development and activities of the Regional Transfusion Centres and the Central Blood Laboratories in England and Wales, and for better liaison with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service. Dr Vaughan, Minister of State (Health), has accepted the suggestion put forward by Regional Transfusion Directors that the Central Committee for the NBTS (which had not met since Autumn 1978) should be replaced by a smaller Advisory Committee whose membership would be representative of and restricted to those most concerned with the Blood Transfusion Service and Regional Health Authorities.

The new Committee - The Advisory Committee on the NBTS - has now been formed and will hold its first meeting on 1 December 1980. Its terms of reference are:-

"To advise DHSS and the Welsh Office on the co-ordination of:-

(i) the development and work of Regional Transfusion Centres and the Central Blood Laboratories in England and Wales.

(ii) as necessary - the English and Welsh Blood Transfusion Service with that of Scotland".

Among the first topics it will consider are increasing the supply of plasma to BPL and pro rata distribution of blood products.

Following consultation with Regional Administrators, Treasurers and Medical Officers, the membership of the Advisory Committee is as follows:-

Chairman

Dr E L Harris, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, DHSS

Members

Mr A B Baker, Regional Administrator, Northern RHA

Mr T R Layzell, Regional Treasurer, Wessex RHA

Dr E R Rue, Regional Medical Officer, Oxford RHA

Dr D W G Bird, Regional Transfusion Director, West Midlands RHA

Dr H H Gunson, " " " , North Western RHA

Dr W J Jenkins, " " " , NE Thames RHA

Dr R S Lane, Director, Blood Products Laboratory

Dr G H Tovey, Consultant Adviser in Blood Transfusion to DHSS.

The Secretariat to the Advisory Committee will be provided by DHSS (Mr S Godfrey, Secretary to the Joint Management Committee, and Dr Walford). It is intended that officials from DHSS, Welsh Office, Scottish Home and Health Department and Department of Health and Social Services Northern Ireland will attend meetings as observers.

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