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HIV HAEMOPHILIA LITIGATION - REPORT BY DR E MAYNE - HAEMOPHILIA

1. I enclose a preliminary report from Dr Mayne, the Central Defendants haemophilia expert.

2. It appears to be a very thorough report and it will be very interesting to compare it with that prepared by Professor Bloom and Dr Ludlam, the haemophilia experts acting on behalf of the Health Authorities. Have we yet had a copy from the Health Authority of Professor Bloom's report?

3. In essence the report, as one would expect, is generally helpful to the Central Defendants case. Nevertheless, as would be expected, there are some criticisms of the Department of Health. In particular the ones that sprang to mind were as follows:

Page 20, para (3)(a) and (b) - pointing out the saving in hospital costs that have to be included in any economical assessment of self-sufficiency.

Page 23, para (e) - suggesting some tardiness on the part of DH to realise the full implications of non-achievement of self-sufficiency.

Page 24, para (g) - questioning whether earlier financial support from DH would have benefited patients significantly.

4. Appendix 1 suggesting those categories of patients who might have a justifiable claim is a very helpful comment.

