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HIV HAEMOPHILIA LITIGATION - EXPERT WITNESS REPORT BY PROFESSOR A BLOOM (HA EXPERT REGARDING HAEMOPHILIA TREATMENT)

- 1. HAs Solicitors have passed on this report to us which is 242 pages long and contains a similar number of pages of appendices.
- 2. I shall arrange for 2 complete copies to be made, one for Counsel and one for Dr Mayne (Central Defendants Haemophilia expert witness).
- 3. If any copy recipients wish to see specific parts of this report then I can arrange for them to see it and to make copies as necessary.
- 4. For the benefit of all copy recipients I enclose a copy of the Table of Contents as well as Chapter 32 in its entirety, as I think this would be of interest.
- 5. MCA may well wish to comment on some of the appendices where there is discussion on the use of heat treated preparations in clinical trials and the advantages or otherwise of the use of clinical trial exemption certificates as opposed to named patient use are considered. (I enclose copies of appendices 2, 4 and 59 for MCA).
- 6. I enclose my own personal summary of Professor Bloom's report and highlight aspects which I think are either of particular interest generally or more specifically to the Central Defendants.
- 7. In general the report is interesting to read and contains some important information. However, in certain parts it reads like a Defence of the actions of the Haemophilia Centre Directors and Profession Bloom in particular, rather than a

dispassionate view of an independent expert witness. Some comments are not helpful to the Central Defendants for example on page 77 of the report Professor Bloom does not comment upon para 26 of the MSC other than to say that in general they are correct, page 153 and 157, referring to May and September 1987 Professor Bloom refers to support of the Haemophilia Centre Directors for compensation for HIV infected haemophiliacs and on page 156 he refers to BPL's application for a manufacturers licence in 1987 and notes that BPL products still do not have product licenses in 1990. It could be argued that the last 3 comments which refer to periods after June 1986 are totally irrelevant to the litigation.

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