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M E M O R A N D U M

From: D B L McClelland
To: Dr R Perry
cc Dr J D Cash
Ref: DBLMcC/JD 7/84/c
Date: 20th November 1984

Dear Bob,

Events Leading up to the Recall of Factor VIII Batch 023110090

I feel it might be helpful to record the events which preceded the decision to recall this batch.

1. On the evening of Friday 26/10/84 Dr Christopher Ludlam telephoned me (DBLMcC) at home to let me know that six haemophiliac patients of his had developed antibody to HTLV3. He thought that three of these sero conversions could be attributable to the use of PFC products. He stressed his desire to have confirmatory tests carried out and undertook to give me the results of these as soon as possible.
2. On Saturday 27/10/84 (am) I called Dr Cash and discussed this information with him. We were both agreed that the information was insufficient to require any recall of PFC products.
3. On 29 & 30 October I was off sick. Dr Ludlam contacted Dr Boulton to let him know that three of the haemophiliacs who had developed antibody had all received the above batch of Factor VIII. However a number of other batches were involved. Dr Boulton telephoned this information to Dr Cash and to myself at home. It was again concluded that the data did not at this time justify a formal recall of any batch.
4. On Friday November 2nd (10.00 pm) Dr Ludlam telephoned me at home. He had, that afternoon, received further data from Dr Richard Tedder relating to a total of sixteen of his haemophilia patients. An initial look at these data indicated that either fifteen or sixteen of these patients had received the above batch.
5. On Saturday ^{November} ~~October~~ 3rd (9.30 am - 11.00 am) Dr Boulton and I personally contacted all the Scottish Transfusion Centres and the Northern Ireland Transfusion Centre and informed a senior member of staff that the above batch should be immediately recalled. I also contacted the duty officer at the PFC to let him know of the action that had been taken.

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