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BLOOD DONATIONS FOUND AND CONFIRMED POSITIVE FOR HTLV III ANTIBODY
BY THE NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE FROM 14 OCTOBER TO
31 DECEMBER 1985

Since the minute of 8 January the figure for blood donations
tested up to the end of December has become available.

Throughout the UK the total donations tested were 593,396.
Of these 13 donors have been confirmed as positive giving a
figure of 1:45,646 or .002%.

The increase is associated with the detection of 4 donors in
Scotland and 1 in Northern Ireland where 67,335 and 15,539
donations have been collected respectively.

The press announcement has been amended as requested and now
includes a reference to the SNBTS which is a separate organisation
from the NBTS.

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