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Date: **7 October 1996**
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1. Following your conversation with Dr Ludlam, and our subsequent discussion, I attach revised versions of the EPINET message and letter to Dr Ludlam.

2. I am copying to Mr Fahy as PS(H) should be aware of the action we are proposing to take in order to make it clear to the NHS that, contrary to what is said in the draft which we have seen, the UKHCDO guidelines on the treatment of haemophilia have not been approved by the Department (nor for that matter by the other Health Departments, who are taking their own action). The matter is urgent as the pressure on health authorities and Trusts is building up, and it is vital to make it clear that we do not endorse the haemophilia directors' lobbying. There is nothing in this which is different from what PS(H) said on "World in Action", but the fact that we are disagreeing openly with the haemophilia centre directors will obviously be used by the Haemophilia Society etc. Our line has to be:-

- It is our responsibility, and the responsibility of health authorities, to consider the wider picture. Money spent on recombinant Factor VIII means less money available for other treatments.

- Plasma based products have a good safety record.

3. I would be grateful if Dr Smith could obtain the necessary approval to the message on the basis of this draft, though Dr Winyard may, of course, have amendments to suggest.

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