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11th March, 1974.

Dear Secretary.

Haemophilia Services.

The Board has given consideration to the introduction of a regional organisation for the treatment of patients with haemorhilia and related disorders, and I enclose copy of a report of the Senior Administrative Medical Officer which has been approved by the Board together with a menorandum prepared by Dr. P. Jones, Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, Newcastle University group of hospitals, particularly concerned with the topic. It will be seen that the proposals envisage the development of centres at certain hospitals viz:

> Royal Victoria Infirmary, Mewcastle (to function as the Regional Centre)

Royal Infirmary, Sunderland. Middlesbrough General Hospital. Darlington Memorial Hospital, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. West Cumberland Hospital.

The Board is prepared to see adopted in the Region the proposed pattern and organisation of the service as set out in the Report, and discussions will now take place with appropriate consultants in the above centres with a view to implementation.

I understand that Dr. Jones has already had preliminary discussions with appropriate consultants in the groups in which centres are to be located: attention will now be given to the implementation of the scheme and I have asked that Socretarios be kept informed of developments and possible requirements within the group. Secretaries of hospital groups which will not have a centre have been informed of intentions, so that consultants concerned may be made aware of proposals.

I should be grateful if you would notify nedical and nursing staff concerned of this development of the service for haewophiliac patients.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

To: Group Secretaries of Hospital Management Committees, Nos. 1, 10, 13, 17, 19, and 20.