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Dear Liam

Your letter of 24th June requested a comprehensive survey of modern Blood Transfusion medicine, as well as complex information not readily available from our many complete but manual recording systems. Getting it out is very laborious.

As you are aware, we are understaffed at senior level and now have no purely scientific staff. This means that the increasingly complex clinical and scientific problems have to be handled largely by myself. Being virtually single handed during the summer I have not had sufficient time to devote to this report.

However, Dr Lloyd had rejoined us on the Senior Registrar rotation and is well experienced in the workings of the Centre from within and also as a user of the Service.

I have discussed all these matters with him and he has been working hard compiling this preliminary report. There are some current figures for products produced and trends are indicated. We still need to consider the other laboratory departments e.g. Ante-Natal, Cross-matching, Quality Control and Histo-compatibility.

Unit costings for products are not available and no system exists for producing these figures at present.

We are currently looking at staffing levels. Briefly, as at 30.11.79 the budgeted staffing WTE was 235.48 and at 30.5.86 was 240.63, with actual staffing being 234.36.

Yours sincerely

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