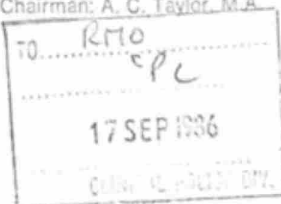


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16th September, 1986

Dear Liam,

Budget for Anti Haemophilia Preparations : Newcastle's Paper Requesting Additional Funding for the Service

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of 28th July. I enclose a point by point response which I hope will clear some of the issues. You will however discern that one of our major difficulties lies in the exercise by Dr. Jones of "clinical freedom". This is clearly an issue with which we must come to grips. In the meantime of course the probability is that we are again heading for a substantial over-spending on Anti-Haemophilia products and there is some urgency in clarifying our position with the RHA.

I would suggest that the next stage might be an officer discussion involving yourself, Gary Smith and Bob Hunt on the one hand, and myself, Barrie Dowdeswell, Derek Williams and Keith Boddy on the Newcastle side. The purpose of that meeting should be I think to clarify precisely what issues need to be discussed in a further second-stage meeting at which Dr. Jones clearly needs to be present and probably involving one or more other medical "advisors" from within the District (perhaps Professor Alberti).

On the assumption that you agree with this way forward I will ask my secretary to make the necessary arrangements to convene the first stage meeting as soon as possible.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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(Dictated by Mr. Spry and
signed in his absence)

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