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TO ALL REGIONAL TRANSFUSION DIRECTORS
IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Your reference

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Dear Director

As you will know, the Advisory Committee on the NBTS has been discussing the suggestion that all Factor VIII supplies, including those purchased commercially, should be held at RTCs for distribution on request to Haemophilia Centres.

Before taking this further, the Committee felt it would be useful to know which RTCs currently operate such an arrangement. I would be very grateful therefore if you could let me know:-

- a. whether your RTC holds all of the Region's supply of Factor VIII; and if so
- b. how long the scheme has been in operation;
- c. have you encountered any particular difficulties;
- d. is it intended to extend the scheme to other blood products purchased commercially;
- e. out of which budget does the purchase of commercial material come?

Your co-operation in this is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Joint Secretary
Advisory Committee on
the NBTS