



ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL

From Professor G.I.C. Ingram

DEPT. OF HAEMATOLOGY
LOUIS JENNER LABORATORIES,
ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL and
MEDICAL SCHOOL,
LONDON, SE1 7EH
01-928 9292 Ext. **GRO-C**

Dr. W.A. Maycock
Blood Products Laboratory
Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine
Dagger Lane
Elstree
Herts WD6 3AX

9th February 1978

Dear Bill

I would like you to see the enclosed papers which will show you how we are using our allocation of Elstree Antihaemophilic Fraction south of the Thames and of our likely short-fall at the present rate of distribution.

The number of vials sent to each Haemophilia Centre (underlined) or Associate Centre each month is proportional to the number of haemophiliacs on Home Treatment, because I feel that this is the best way to use the material. As the number of patients on Home Treatment increases, I am rightly being pressed to step up the corresponding allocations. You will see that already we distribute nearly all the material in this way, keeping only a trivial amount, now, for emergencies. I am encouraging people to use cryoprecipitate as much as possible for treatments given at their Centres, and to buy commercial material for surgery and other special purposes.

You will see that there is a marked disproportion between the number of haemophiliacs on Home Treatment in the South East and South West Thames Regions, although the total populations of the Regions are not very different. Since there are now about the same number of Haemophilia Centres and Associate Centres, taken together, in the two Regions, I hope we shall see a steady increase in the number of patients in the South West Thames Region going on Home treatment in the next year or so; indeed, we are pressing for the appointment of a Supraregional Nurse whose main function will be to help the Centre Directors who otherwise have not the staff to do so, to train their appropriate patients for Home Treatment, and I hope she will spend more time in the South West than in the South East Region to start with.

Since we already distribute nearly all our monthly allocation from the BPL, it looks as though more and more commercial material will have to be bought to satisfy our demands for home treatment alone, let alone our needs for surgery and patients with antibodies. In fact, our own monthly allocation is only sufficient for 75% of our Home Treatment needs at this Centre as it is. We are of course also using considerable

658

83/179 cont/...

quantities of commercial material for surgical cover.

If we suppose that the 67 patients identified in the South East Thames as appropriate for Home Treatment represents the true total, we would expect about 54 such patients in the South West Thames, in proportion to the population; so far 13 have been identified, leaving 41 to be discovered. This would raise the total to about 120, which is roughly in the middle of my estimate. This would raise the monthly requirement of vials for Home Treatment alone to about 780.

Can anything further be done to increase NHS production?

I am sending a copy of this letter to Charlie Rizza.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C:
Ingram

P.S. I enclose a reprint on an improved method of cryo. production. I saw this being done and was impressed. May I have the reprint back please?

cc: Dr. C. Rizza

83/180

Suggested distribution of EHF in Health Regions

07 and 08 November 1977 (Revised)

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Vials per month</u>
<u>South East Thames (07)</u>	
<u>Guy's Hospital</u> (Dr. Buchanan)	16
<u>Lewisham Hospital</u> (Drs. Holman and Whitmore)	98
<u>Royal Sussex County Hospital</u> , Brighton (Dr. Horley) Covering Drs. Mann and Evans.	55
<u>St. Thomas' Hospital</u> (Prof. Ingram)	136
<u>King's College Hospital</u> (Dr. Mibashan)	72
<u>Isle of Thanet Hospital</u> , Margate (Dr. Sterndale)	29
Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings (Dr. Harrison)	6
All Saints Hospital, Chatham (Dr. Hayes)	15
Pembury Hospital (Dr. Taylor)	26
West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone (Dr. Naik)	6
<u>South West Thames (08)</u>	
<u>St. George's Hospital</u> , Tooting (Professor Flute)	18
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester (Dr. Bateman)	10
Kingston Hospital (Dr. Ellis)	6
Worthing Hospital (Dr. Rodan)	11
St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey (Dr. Vaughan Jones)	21
TOTAL	525

Expected monthly allocation, 550 vials; thus 25 vials are allocated to the emergency reserve.

Home Treatment in Haemophilia

SE & SW Thames Regions

Known haemophiliacs in the Regions ca 300.

Of these, say 100-150 suitable for Home Treatment

Haemophiliacs already on, or who should go on, Home Treatment
(Summer, 1977) :-

	On Home Treatment	To go on Home Treatment	Total
SE Thames (Pop. 3603200)	42	25	67
SW Thames (Pop. 2890000)	5	8	13
Total	47	33	80

Haemophilia Centres and Associate Centres (Summer, 1977) :-

	Centres	Associate Centres	Total
SE Thames	7 *	5	12
SW Thames	1	12	13
Total	8	17	25

* Includes Westminster Hospital and the St. Thomas' Haemophilia Reference Centre.

83/182