

IN CONFIDENCEThe National Blood Transfusion Service

Joint Management Committee (DHSS/RHA) for the Central Blood Laboratories.

Medicines Act 1968Inspection Report on the Blood Products Laboratory at Elstree

An inspection of the manufacturing facilities of the Blood Products Laboratory, Elstree was carried out by the Medicines Inspectorate during periods in April and July, 1979. A copy of the formal letter of notification and Medicines Divisions "Conclusions and Recommendations " based on the report of the Medicines Inspectorate inspection of the facilities at Elstree, is attached. The burden of the recommendations is that the shortcomings are so serious that continued production can be tolerated only because of the essential nature of the products and only if immediate improvements are introduced. Members will wish to make a preliminary assessment of the situation.

Sufficient copies of the Report for the Joint Management Committee and the Scientific and Technical Committee are being obtained but they are not immediately available. The Joint Management Committee may wish to invite the Scientific and Technical Committee to consider the report in detail at their meeting on 26 September and to summarise their observations for the benefit of members of both Committees.

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