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ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSFUSION CENTRES

At present all Regional Transfusion Centres (RTCs) are controlled as Regionally-managed and financed services. At a meeting of Regional Transfusion Directors (RTDs) yesterday, HSl and MedSEB representatives learnt of moves by a number of Regions to change this position eg by delegating control down to unit manager level at the DGH where an RTC was located, by fragmenting management to different DHAs where the RTC had satellite operations or by indicating to the RTD that an administrative general manager was to be imposed over the RTD. The messages may well reflect bad internal communication. However if true these would give us cause for concern.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for urgent enquiries to be made of all your Regions to ascertain the position. HSl is not aware of any consultation with the Department on such moves; the timing is particularly unfortunate given our current proposal (copy attached) to study the organisational and financial problems of the Blood Transfusion Service. There is a meeting of the NBTS Advisory Committee scheduled for 6 November 1985 at which RTDs will be raising these issues, and we need to formulate a Departmental response for that meeting.

I should therefore be grateful for any information you can glean by the end of next week, Friday 18 October.

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