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ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSFUSION CENTRES

I am replying on behalf of RL to your minute of 11 October. I have also seen Dr Smithies minute of 11 October to Dr Oliver specifying which RHAs were causing particular concern.

2. Of the 14 RHAs only South Western and Wessex have firm proposals to alter management arrangements. In both cases the service would be run on an agency basis by its host District while still being considered a Regional Service. Both RHAs are currently consulting internally on these proposals.
3. South West Thames intends to continue to manage the service, but is considering the introduction of cross charging to reflect differences in districts' usage.
4. With the implementation of general management, we have encouraged RHAs to examine all Regionally managed Services with a view to the need for increased devolution foreshadowed in the Griffiths report, and to reduce costs particularly at RHA HQ level. Many RHAs will have examined future arrangements for BTC's in the context of this, and before determining the terms of reference of the proposed CMS study it might be useful if any Regional findings were fed in.

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