

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)

NORTH HAMPSHIRE HEALTH DISTRICT

Director:

Dr. A. ARONSTAM

Associate Director:

Dr. M. J. PAINTER

TRELOAR HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE
LORD MAYOR TRELOAR HOSPITAL
ALTON

Telephone No. 82811 Ext. 253

MJP/SAN

17th May 1978.

A. M. MacPherson Esq.,
Headmaster,
Lord Mayor Treloar College,
Froyle,
Nr. Alton,
Hants.

Dear Mr. MacPherson,

re: GRO-A

This boy is currently being treated for a bleed into his knee. He was seen yesterday evening in the surgery by Dr. Eddey when she felt that his condition was such that he should remain in a wheelchair and consequently she informed him about this. He was sent out to return at the next morning clinic.

I understand that shortly after this, he was found playing football by Mr. Hodgkinson along with a number of other boys, some of whom, I believe, were also haemophiliacs.

When I saw him this morning, he was unable to offer an explanation for his behaviour which contravenes our basic advice about haemophiliacs playing football and the direct advice offered by Dr. Eddey that his condition warranted him staying in a wheelchair. I have told him that I am most displeased with his conduct and that I shall refer him to you for your opinion as to what should be done next.

I am afraid it does make our task even more difficult when we find that boys are blatantly disregarding medical advice they are given and in consequence run an increased risk of requiring further transfusions, which, of course, come at great expense to the National Health Service. There is also a worry that our supplies of Factor VIII may not be quite as easy to obtain as in the past and it is even more vital that we do not waste material on boys who cannot be bothered to follow the most basic advice.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. M.J. Painter
Senior Clinical Medical Officer.