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TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA

On the question of self sufficiency of products for the treatment of haemophilia I had an informal talk with Dr. Tovey. As I understand the position it is unlikely we could ever become self sufficient for Factor VIII to treat all haemophiliacs. However self sufficiency could be achieved if there were an accepted policy by those treating haemophilia to treat most haemophiliacs with cryoprecipitate and reserve purified Factor VIII for say 20% of cases needing special treatment (e.g. for surgery etc). Other countries apparently do this successfully.

Though less easy to give than purified Factor VIII, cryoprecipitate is seemingly clinically acceptable. If all this is true and the policy were accepted it could have significant impact on the need for imported plasma and the BPL development and could perhaps tide us over until Factor VIII was genetically engineered.

Or have I got it all wrong?

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*Mr. Hardy*

(And how do we persuade clinicians to use cryoprecipitate ??)

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let us await Dr Walford's reply.

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*Note:*

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*Dr. Walford has not yet replied to Dr. Oliver's minute*

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