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At a meeting of the Yorkshire Haemophilia Centre Directors on 7.6.83 at St. James's University Hospital, the supply position of Factor VIII was discussed.

There was a substantial increase in use in 1982 in spite of industrial action. A temporary reduction in the amount of N.H.S. material available was followed by a level of supply well above previous years. This is issued pro rata to the amount of plasma collected by the Regional Transfusion Service. Although the Yorkshire Region plans to increase the amount collected, there is a limit to the production capacity at Elstree so that no substantial further increase can be expected for some time.

Commercial Factor VIII

Dr. Swinburne has agreed to collect figures from the annual returns prepared for Oxford from other centres, so that assesment of the likely needs in the next year can be made.

Overall the N.H.S. supply amounts to about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total. There would be no objection to using more than are commercial supplies, although from the AIDS point of view there might be an advantage in limiting the batches of materials to which any patient was exposed. This might be done by ear-marking certain batches for particular hospitals. Further discussion with the B.T.S. would be needed to see if this was possible.

Cryoprecipitate

The Directors were concerned at the volume of the current cryoprecipitate, which includes so much plasma that the risk of reaction is very great. The volume is inconvenient to handle and leads to some patients needing an I.V. drip instead of an injection by syringe. The problem will be raised again with Dr. Rajah.

Materials available

Armour Factorate

Price

6.75/ or since 11.83

Heat treated material may be available soon.

Immuno

8p / u. irrespective of order

Chemically treated material may be available if cleared for human use.

Travenol Hemophil

about 7p

Heat treated material is said to be on the way.

It was agreed that the Directors should meet regularly in order to monitor the supply position, and be able to advise the BTS and RHA on the basis of information collected.

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