

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

WORKING PARTY ON THE TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIACS

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 14th May, 1984 at 10.15 a.m.  
at Arthur Thompson House, 146 Hagley Road, Birmingham.

PRESENT: Prof. N. K. Shinton (Chairman)  
Dr. F. Ala  
Dr. W. S. A. Allen  
Dr. F. G. H. Hill  
Dr. R. M. Ibbotson

84/1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr. I. M. Franklin, Dr. M. O'Shea  
and Dr. R. W. Payne.

84/2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Working Party held on 5th December, 1983  
were confirmed as a correct record.

84/3 Matters arising

a) Preparation of Packs for Home Therapy (83/20b, 83/32a)

This demand for home packs will continue to be met by  
commercial sources at least until 1987/88 when BPL  
comes into full production of Factor VIII.

b) AIDS (83/27; 83/37)

Dr. Ala commented that when an appropriate screening test  
for HTLV was available it would be essential for this to  
be introduced for blood donors.

c) Supplies of Cryoprecipitate and Freeze Dried Factor VIII

Dr. Ala reported that supplies from BPL had now reached the  
optimum until the new plant was operating in 1987/88. Due  
to necessary developments particularly in quality assurance,  
supplies to the West Midlands BTC would be reduced by 100,000  
units per annum for the next few years..

84/4 Annual Statistics (Appendix 1)

These had been compiled by Dr. Hill for which the Working Party  
were grateful. They showed ~~an~~ increase in usage of BPL Factor  
VIII supply with an appropriate decrease in Commercial Factor VIII  
purchase. A change was also noted in distribution, half of BPL  
supplies going to Central District.

84/5 Commercial Factor VIII purchase -

From the annual statistics and supply of BPL expected, there could be a short fall of 3.5 million units to be made up from Commercial sources. The Working Party agreed that Mr. Stanton, Regional Supplies Department should, in due course, invite tenders and subsequently meet with Drs. I. Franklin and R. M. Ibbotson to adjudicate. It was agreed that the following points should again be taken into consideration at the meeting.

- 1) The amount of effort involved in changing supplier.
- 2) Where firms have their donor facilities in the United States.
- 3) Any public pressure for a change of products (e.g. to heat-treated Factor VIII) should be resisted until another product had been proved to be more satisfactory

84/6 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting of the West Midlands Regional Health Authority Working Party on the Treatment of Haemophiliacs will be held at the Regional Transfusion Centre on Monday, 29th October, 1984 at 10.30 a.m.