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Dear Dr. Rizza,

Thank you for your letter of 17th February concerning Working Parties of Haemophilia Centre Directors.

I have discussed this with Professor Jenkins and our opinions are as follows:- we feel that the incidence of hepatitis in haemophilia, the incidence of factor VIII antibodies and the incidence of haemophilia in the United Kingdom are long term projects which should be carried out by Annual Returns from Haemophilia Centres. We understand that Dr. Prentice is already considering the management of haemophilia with factor VIII antibodies though we suspect that there may be considerable difficulties in co-ordinating work in this field. We also feel it may be unwise to consider prophylactic treatment in more detail until more material becomes available. We would therefore suggest priority for further work in the staffing of Haemophilia Centres and the use of home treatment.

One subject which was included in the Minutes of the Directors meeting but does not appear in your latest document is that of standardisation of reagents in Haemophilia Centres, and this seems to be a worthwhile exercise.

Finally we would of course be very happy to help in any way possible in whatever projects are eventually chosen.

Yours sincerely,

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