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Dear John,

Supply of Blood to South 'o' the Boarder

As you are aware certain English RTC's have been grateful for the assistance of primarily Edinburgh and Glasgow in support of our needs for red cell demand. The perennial problem of Gp O shortage has been particularly eased by S.N.B.T.S., and it is with this regard I would be grateful of your opinion.

Recently we have received an instruction from Dr Gunson that arrangements for blood supply to the English and Welsh B.T.S. must only occur as a 'last resort' and under the strict direction of the National Directorate. Apparently Mr McIntosh, General Manager S.N.B.T.S., is in agreement and has instructed S.N.B.T.S. to comply.

I don't know where this leaves existing arrangements with agreed supplies on a regular basis i.e. South Thames RTC, but we have always found that in particular Glasgow BTS, have often been extremely helpful in assisting when we have a shortfall, when English RTC's have been unable to supply sufficient or any Gp O blood, because of similar short term problems in demand.

At Bristol we have always informed the National Directorate of our imports from other RTC's, and frequently do use the services of the National Directorate. However there have been occasions where we have reason to believe that difficulties experienced in supplying via other English RTC's, would not have been the case North of the border.

If you could give me a phone to give advice I would be very grateful.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely

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