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13th December, 1984

Mr. C.R. Jones,
District Treasurer,
Manor House,
J.R.H.

Dear Mr. Jones,

A meeting of the U.K. Haemophilia Reference Centre Directors was held on 10.12.84. at Elstree to discuss the current problems of AIDS and its impact on blood transfusion practice and haemophilia care. In addition to Haemophilia Centre Directors, representatives were present from the DHSS, Blood Transfusion Services of Scotland and England, Plasma Fractionation Laboratories, Virologists and Epidemiologists. The meeting agreed that haemophiliacs should receive heat-treated factor concentrates and that all patients should be transferred to this form of treatment, as soon as possible. We should like to pursue this course of action and have already placed our first order for a batch of heated material for use at this Centre. The heated material at present available, costs 12-14p/unit compared with 8p/unit for non-heated factor VIII. We have discussed with Mr. Dollard in some detail the financial implications of using heated factor VIII and we calculate that our bill for factor VIII may rise from between £0.39 - £0.50 million per annum to between £0.72 - £0.84 million per annum.

Yours sincerely,

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c.c. Mr. A. Butcher
Mr. N. Dollard
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