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ABERDEEN AND NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

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You will have noted from my minute of 9 May to Dr McIntyre (copy attached) that I was concerned about the cramped facilities in which this Centre endeavours to function. You will note from Dr Fletcher's letter of 10 June that he has similar misgivings and indicates that it would seem unlikely that if the Transfusion Centre had to continue to operate within its present amount of space whether it would be able to meet the recommendations for good manufacturing practice which will be introduced later in the year as guidelines of the standards to be complied with under the Medicines Act. You will know from your own discussions with Dr Lewis that it had been planned that when new pharmacy facilities were fully operational at the Foresterhill site the pharmacy facilities on the floor above the present BTS premises would be vacated and the Transfusion Service would take over this floor. I understood from discussions I had with Dr Lewis that the pharmacists at Aberdeen Royal had indicated that if they had to meet the requirements of the Medicines Act it would be necessary for them to retain some (possibly all) of the space which they had previously been going to vacate on the floor above the Blood Transfusion Service. ~~I understand~~ In recent discussions with Mr Higson he has also confirmed Dr Lewis' understanding of the situation. Aberdeen Royal Infirmary has recently had a formal visit from the Medicines Inspectorate and this Department should receive a copy of their report within the next week or so. Normally this report would go straight to the pharmacists involved for checking the accuracy of the site inspection, however it may well be that in this instance there would be some merit in discussing the accommodation problems involved within the office before this next step is taken.

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