

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

WORKING PARTY ON THE TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIACS

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday, 5th December, 1983 at 10.15 a.m.
at Arthur Thompson House, 146 Hagley Road, Birmingham.

PRESENT

Dr. N. K. Shinton, (Chairman)

Dr. F. Ala

Dr. W. S. A. Allen

Dr. I. M. Franklin

Dr. F. G. H. Hill

Dr. R. M. Ibbotson

Dr. R. W. Payne

Professor J. Stuart

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Dr. E. Rees.

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following correction of Minute 83/21 to read "on the basis of 3.5 million units of commercial Factor VIII", the Minutes of the Working Party held on 27th June, 1983 were confirmed as a correct record.

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Matters Arising

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

It would appear that the demand for home packs was at present met by commercial sources. Although in the future it was felt that N.H.S. supplies would increase to warrant N.H.S. home therapy packs, the situation, at present did not necessitate any action.

b) Distribution of Haemophiliacs in the Region (83/20c)

The study organised by Dr. ~~Hill~~^{Shaw} was formally closed as Haemophilia is now regarded as a Regional specialty.

c) Regional Contract (83/21)

Dr. Ala informed the committee that the lowest tender was forwarded by the present supplier - Armour Pharmaceutical Corporation, and no change was envisaged.

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Report on Annual Meeting of Haemophilia Centre Directors

The committee received a verbal report from the Chairman.

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Supplies of Cryoprecipitate and Freeze Dried Factor VIII

Dr. Ala informed the committee that the supplies of Factor VIII from Elstree were maintained on a pro rata basis relating to the 16800 litres of plasma sent for processing. It was noted that the volume of plasma sent could be increased but this would mean an increased investment in the cost of bags. The

R.T.O. are to consider this in comparison with costs resulting from using commercial Factor VIII.

Dr. Hill raised the question of distribution of Factor VIII when supplies were increased. The Chairman commented that it had previously been agreed that BPL Factor VIII was supplied to individual centres proportional to the number of patients under treatment. It was agreed that Dr. Ala and Dr. Hill would prepare new figures on the distribution of BPL Factor VIII in view of the suggested increase in supplies.

83/35 Revenue Consequences of Designated Regional Specialties.

The Region's decision to designate Haemophilia as a Regional Specialty was noted. Individual directors were encouraged to take advantage of this locally.

83/36 Hepatitis B Vaccine

Advice of Haemophilia Centre Directors Working Party on the use of Hepatitis B vaccine was noted.

83/37 AIDS (83/27)

Dr. Ala informed the committee that a blood transfusion handout was now available at donor sessions. It was agreed that if any case of AIDS was suspected, then the Regional Public Relations Office should be informed in case their help was required.

83/38 Criteria for Recognition as a Haemophilia Centre (83/25)

No further news.

83/39 Any Other Business

Professor Stuart informed the committee that this would be his last attendance. Dr. I. Franklin, as a co-director of the Queen Elizabeth Haemophilia Centre, would in future attend as sole representative.

83/40 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 Arthur Thompson House on Monday, 14th May, 1984 at 10.15 a.m.