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Dear Mr Chambers,

Thank you for your letter of the 18th of January referring to a 24-year old patient, whose identity I know. At the present time at the Royal Free Hospital the managers are following the guidance issued by the Department of Health and we are only able to prescribe Recombinant Factor VIII to newly diagnosed children with haemophilia. In practice we also give Recombinant Factor VIII to new adults, who have never had treatment in the past - these will mostly be patients with mild haemophilia - or those adults, who are virally negative, and this includes a number of patients who have cleared hepatitis C infection. You may also be aware that in Scotland and in Wales all patients with haemophilia are given Recombinant Factor VIII, however you will appreciate that the total haemophilia problem in Scotland is about the size of the haemophilia problem that we provide for at the Royal Free Hospital. There is at the current time an acute shortage of Recombinant Factor VIII for children in the U.K. and it is being rationed in a number of centres. I do know that the haemophilia society has been mounting a national campaign for Recombinant Factor VIII to be provided for adults in England. I also know that the United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Doctor's Organisation is in active discussions with Lord Hunt, the Minister of Health, on this matter. However, at the present time, there has been no recommendation from Government that we should proceed to treat all adults with Recombinant Factor VIII. At the present time, if we were to be given such guidance there certainly would not be enough Recombinant Factor VIII in the market place. I hope this answers the issue you raised in your letter of the 18th of January.

Yours sincerely

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Cc To: patient and patient's mother

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