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Dear Dr Hill

Re: Purchasing for Recombinant Factor VIII

Many thanks for your letter dated 15th September 1997. We have not been able to notify consultant haematologists of the decision until we received the Minutes of the Chief Executives meeting held in July which arrived last week. Both the Directors of Public Health and Purchaser Chief Executives agreed in July that Recombinant Factor VIII should not be purchased in other than exceptional circumstances, but that the position be monitored and a further report presented when more evidence is available. We have prepared a letter formally notifying you of the decision, which will be signed shortly by Professor Rod Griffiths as Regional Director of Public Health and Mr Henry Foster as Chairman of the Regional Specialised Services Group. Unfortunately Henry is currently on leave which has added a further delay to the proceedings.

I can only apologise for the delay. Please rest assured that you will receive formal notification in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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