

SMALLER HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES

THORNTON HEATH (CROYDON) HAEMOPHILIA CENTRE

The Centre and relationship with other Haemophilia Centres

1. The Haemophilia Centre at the Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, Croydon, was designated as centre number 131. The Centre's Director from at least 1977 to 1985 was Dr R.A.M Oliver.¹ The Director in 1986 appears to have been Dr Lumley², who was replaced by Dr Pollard for the remainder of the 1980s.³
2. The Centre was part of the St Thomas's Hospital Supraregion of haemophilia centres.⁴ In 1985, it obtained FEIBA from St George's Hospital.⁵

Numbers of patients treated

3. The available annual returns to 1985 record the following patient numbers:
 - a. In 1977, the Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient.⁶
 - b. In 1978, the Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient and 1 haemophilia B patient.⁷
 - c. In 1979, the Centre treated 2 haemophilia B patients.⁸
 - d. In 1980, the Centre treated two haemophilia A patients (including one who was a visitor and was treated in casualty) and 1 haemophilia B patient.⁹

¹ See the annual returns referred to below.

² HCDO0001995

³ HCDO0002145, HCDO0002237 and HCDO0002330.

⁴ HCDO0000138_012

⁵ HCDO0001961

⁶ HCDO0001211

⁷ HCDO0001250

⁸ HCDO0001318

⁹ HCDO0001415

- e. In 1981, the Centre treated 2 haemophilia A patients (including one who was a visitor rather than registered at the Centre), 2 haemophilia B patients and 1 patient with von Willebrand's disease (who was a visitor).¹⁰
- f. In 1982, the Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient, 1 haemophilia B patient and 1 patient with von Willebrand's (who appears to have been a visitor).¹¹
- g. The Centre did not treat any patients in 1983.¹²
- h. In 1984, the Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient and 1 haemophilia B patient.¹³
- i. In 1985, the Centre treated 2 haemophilia A patients, 1 acquired haemophilia A patient and 1 haemophilia B patient.¹⁴

Blood products usage

- 4. In 1978, the Centre treated its patients as follows:¹⁵
 - a. The haemophilia A patient was treated with DDAVP.
 - b. The haemophilia B patient was treated with fresh frozen plasma.
- 5. In 1979, the Centre treated its haemophilia B patients with NHS concentrate and whole blood.¹⁶
- 6. In 1980, the Centre treated its patients as follows:¹⁷

¹⁰ HCDO0001513

¹¹ HCDO0001648

¹² HCDO0000199_002, HCDO0000199_003 and HCDO0000199_005

¹³ HCDO0001866

¹⁴ HCDO0001961

¹⁵ HCDO0001250

¹⁶ HCDO0001318

¹⁷ HCDO0001415

- a. The registered haemophilia A patient was treated with cryoprecipitate (39 packs in hospital) and commercial concentrate (Factorate) (454 units at home). The visiting haemophilia A patient was treated with cryoprecipitate (5 packs in casualty).
- b. The haemophilia B patient was treated with NHS concentrate in hospital.

7. In 1981, the Centre treated its patients as follows:¹⁸

- a. Haemophilia A patients were treated with cryoprecipitate (36 packs in hospital) and commercial concentrate (Factorate) (277 units in hospital and 754 at home, plus 831 units for the visitor).
- b. The von Willebrand's patient was treated with cryoprecipitate in hospital.
- c. The haemophilia B patients were treated with NHS concentrate and fresh frozen plasma in hospital.

8. In 1982, the Centre treated its patients as follows:¹⁹

- a. The haemophilia patient was treated with commercial concentrate (Armour) (4,130 units) and cryoprecipitate (22 packs) in hospital.
- b. The patient with von Willebrand's was treated with cryoprecipitate in hospital.
- c. The haemophilia B patient was treated with NHS concentrate in hospital.

9. In 1984, the Centre treated its patients as follows:²⁰

- a. The haemophilia A patient was treated with commercial concentrate (Factorate) (7,500 units in hospital).
- b. The haemophilia B patient was treated with NHS concentrate in hospital.

10. In 1985, the Centre treated its patients as follows:²¹

¹⁸ HCDO0001513

¹⁹ HCDO0001648

²⁰ HCDO0001866. See also 21 February 1984 letter from Dr Oliver to BPL regarding heat-treated concentrate for a patient on home treatment [BPLL0002371_023].

²¹ HCDO0001961

- a. Haemophilia A patients were treated with NHS concentrate (136 vials²² in hospital and 14 vials at home) and cryoprecipitate (what would seem to be 4 packs in hospital).
- b. The patient with acquired haemophilia A was treated with cryoprecipitate and FEIBA in hospital.

Knowledge of risk of hepatitis and HTLV-III/AIDS

11. UKHCDO minutes show that Dr Oliver attended meetings of haemophilia centre directors on 21 October 1985²³ and 17 March 1986.²⁴ Neither Dr Lumley nor Dr Pollard are recorded as having attended any UKHCDO meetings in the late 1980s. It may be reasonable to assume that the Centre's directors would have received copies of the reports circulated for, and the minutes of, UKHCDO meetings that they did not attend.

Testing for HIV/HCV and numbers of patients infected

12. UKHCDO data available to the Inquiry suggests that no patients were identified in 1985 at the Centre as having been infected with HIV.²⁵ The data does not include any other years for the Centre.

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²² The return does not specify that the number represents units or vials but the latter is more likely.

²³ PRSE0001638

²⁴ PRSE0001688

²⁵ WITN3826020