

SMALLER HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES
ASHFORD HOSPITAL, MIDDLESEX

The Centre

1. The Haemophilia Centre at Ashford Hospital, Middlesex was designated as centre number 122. It was designated an associate centre.¹ Treatment records for the Centre are available for the years 1976 until 1992.²
2. The Centre's Director from 1977 was Dr Jean M. Webster.³ She last attended a UKHCDO meeting in 1986⁴ and was still listed as Centre Director in a 1990 document.⁵ However, there are also references in the mid-1980s⁶ and in 1987⁷ to Dr Annabelle S. J. Baughan holding the Centre Director position.

Relationship with other Haemophilia Centres

3. It appears that the Centre was part of the St Thomas' Supraregion of haemophilia centres from 1977.⁸

Number of patients treated

4. A record of cryoprecipitate issued by Ashford Hospital's Pathology Laboratory suggests that it treated 2 haemophilia A patients and 1 patient with von Willebrand's disease in 1976.⁹
5. The available annual returns to 1985 record the following patient numbers:

¹ DHSC0002273_029 p.23

² WITN3826016 p.30

³ BPLL0004826 p.24 (e-page 32)

⁴ PRSE0001688

⁵ BPLL0004826 p.24 (e-page 32)

⁶ OXUH0003754_025 p.7

⁷ HCDO0000340_022

⁸ CBLA0000699 and HCDO0000138_012

⁹ HCDO0001055

- a. 1977: The Centre treated 2 haemophilia A patients.¹⁰
- b. 1978: The Centre treated 2 haemophilia A patients and 1 patient with von Willebrand's disease.¹¹
- c. 1979: The Centre treated 2 haemophilia A patients and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹²
- d. 1980: The Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient.¹³
- e. 1982: The Centre treated 1 haemophilia A patient, 1 haemophilia B patient, 1 haemophilia B carrier and 2 patients with von Willebrand's.¹⁴
- f. 1983: The Centre treated 1 carrier of haemophilia A.¹⁵
- g. 1984: The Centre treated 2 haemophilia B patients and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹⁶

Blood products used

6. In 1976, the Centre treated its haemophilia A patients and a patient with von Willebrand's with cryoprecipitate.¹⁷
7. In 1977, the Centre treated its haemophilia A patients with cryoprecipitate (9,660 units).¹⁸
8. In 1978, the Centre treated its patients as follows:¹⁹
 - a. Haemophilia A patients were treated with cryoprecipitate (140 packs).
 - b. A patient with von Willebrand's was treated with cryoprecipitate (1,400 units).
9. In 1979, the Centre treated its patients as follows:

¹⁰ HCDO0001132

¹¹ HCDO0001225

¹² HCDO0001295

¹³ HCDO0001389

¹⁴ HCDO0001591

¹⁵ HCDO0001687

¹⁶ HCDO0001783

¹⁷ HCDO0001055

¹⁸ HCDO0001132

¹⁹ HCDO0001225

- a. Haemophilia A patients were treated with cryoprecipitate (300 packs), tranexamic acid and desmopressin.
 - b. A patient with von Willebrand's was treated with cryoprecipitate.
10. In 1980, the Centre treated a haemophilia A patient with cryoprecipitate (the return records "*600 unit packs*").²⁰
11. In 1982, the Centre treated its patients as follows:²¹
- a. A haemophilia A patient was treated with cryoprecipitate (the return records 20 "units" – which may be intended to refer to packs – provided in hospital).
 - b. A patient with von Willebrand's was treated with cryoprecipitate in hospital.
 - c. A haemophilia B patient was treated with NHS concentrate in hospital.
 - d. A haemophilia B carrier was treated with fresh frozen plasma in hospital.
12. In 1983, the Centre appears to have treated a haemophilia A carrier with cryoprecipitate in hospital.²²
13. In 1984, the Centre treated its patients as follows:²³
- a. A von Willebrand's patient was treated with cryoprecipitate in hospital.
 - b. Haemophilia B patients were treated with NHS concentrate in hospital.
14. The Centre obtained its cryoprecipitate from the North London Blood Transfusion Centre in Edgware, as noted in the annual returns from 1978²⁴ and 1983.²⁵

Testing for HIV / numbers infected

²⁰ HCDO0001389

²¹ HCDO0001591

²² HCDO0001687

²³ HCDO0001783

²⁴ HCDO0001295

²⁵ HCDO0001687

15. Provisional UKHCDO data available to the Inquiry suggests that no patients were infected with HIV at the Centre.²⁶

Knowledge of risk of hepatitis/AIDS and HTLV-III

16. UKHCDO minutes show that Dr Webster attended meetings of haemophilia centre directors on 9 October 1981²⁷ and 17 March 1986.²⁸ It may be reasonable to assume that, as Director of the Ashford Centre, Dr Webster would have received copies of the reports circulated for, and the minutes of, UKHCDO minutes she did not attend.

17. In 1992, Dr Hewitt of the North London Blood Transfusion Centre wrote to Dr Baughan regarding a unit of plasma reduced blood issued to Ashford Hospital in 1983 from a donor who was believed to have transmitted HIV, but the recipient of the unit could not be traced.²⁹ In the same year, Dr Hewitt also notified Dr Baughan of a donation suspected to be contaminated with HCV.³⁰

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²⁶ INQY0000250

²⁷ CBLA0001464

²⁸ PRSE0001688

²⁹ NHBT0090038, NHBT0090019, NHBT0090013

³⁰ NHBT0123550_016