

SMALLER HAEMOPHILIA CENTRES
GUILDFORD (ST LUKE’S HOSPITAL)

The Centre

1. The Haemophilia Centre at St Luke’s Hospital, Guildford was designated as centre number 133.¹ It was designated an associate centre.² However, the UKHCDO did not recognise Guildford as an official ‘Haemophilia Centre’, noting that there were ‘special arrangements’.³
2. Dr Ian Douglas was the Director of Guildford Haemophilia Centre between at least 1982 and 1985.⁴ St Luke’s Hospital closed in 1996.⁵ By 1996, Dr Douglas had moved to the Royal Surrey County Hospital as a Consultant Haematologist. He considered that the facilities for haemophiliacs in Guildford at that time did not equal those of a haemophilia centre.⁶
3. The Guildford Centre was part of the St Thomas’s Hospital Supreregion.⁷ St Luke’s Hospital was in the South West Surrey Health Authority.⁸

Relationship with other Haemophilia Centres

4. Patients in Guildford were occasionally transferred to Treloars Haemophilia Centre,⁹ including in the 1990s after St Luke’s Hospital had closed.¹⁰

¹ HCDO0000138_012

² DHSC0002273_029 p.23

³ HCDO0000138_012

⁴ HCDO0001622, CBLA0002189 HCDO0001813, CBLA0002181 **Note:** but the period of his directorship is not clearly illustrated.

⁵ RLIT0001902

⁶ TREL0000344_019

⁷ HCDO0000138_012

⁸ CBLA0002181

⁹ TREL0000148_154

¹⁰ TREL0000344_005; TREL0000344_019; TREL0000344_020

Number of patients treated

5. In the following years, the numbers of patients treated at the Centre were as follows:
- a. 1981: there were 4 haemophilia A patients, 1 haemophilia B patient and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹¹
 - b. 1982: there were 6 haemophilia A patients, 1 haemophilia B patient and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹²
 - c. 1983: there were 5 haemophilia A patients and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹³
 - d. 1984: there were 6 haemophilia A patients, 1 haemophilia B patient and 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹⁴
 - e. 1985: there were 12 haemophilia A patients, of whom 3 were on home therapy programmes and 9 had mild to moderate haemophilia A and had required blood products for trauma or to cover surgery in the past. There is no recorded information on any von Willebrand's patients.¹⁵

Blood product usage and treatment policies

6. The Annual Returns for the Centre show that the following products were used in the following years:
- a. 1981: The Centre used 67 units of cryoprecipitate for its haemophilia A patients and 16 bottles of factor IX concentrate for a haemophilia B patient.¹⁶

¹¹ HCDO0001573

¹² HCDO0001622; the total of haemophilia A patients is given as 4 on the annual return form but 6 are listed in the appended records

¹³ HCDO0000172_006

¹⁴ HCDO0001813

¹⁵ CBLA0002181

¹⁶ HCDO0001573

The patient with von Willebrand's disease does not appear to have received any blood products in that year.

- b. 1982: The Centre used 7,210 units (103 packs) of cryoprecipitate, and 1,960 units of NHS human factor VIII concentrate, to treat its haemophilia A patients in hospital. The NHS factor VIII concentrate was used for a haemophilia A patient with factor VIII antibodies. No products were dispensed for home treatment. The patient with haemophilia B received 19 bottles of factor IX concentrate.¹⁷ The patient with von Willebrand's disease does not appear to have received any blood products in that year.
 - c. 1983: The Centre used 12,710 units of NHS human factor VIII concentrate for haemophilia A patients in hospital, 7,255 units for home therapy, and 765 units for their 1 von Willebrand's patient.¹⁸
 - d. 1984: The Centre used 25,305 units of NHS human factor VIII concentrate at the Hospital and 3,410 units for home treatment for treating haemophilia A patients.¹⁹ The Centre also used 980 units of NHS factor VIII concentrate to treat their 1 Von Willebrand's patient. The haemophilia B patient received 3,570 units of NHS factor IX concentrate for home treatment.²⁰
7. On 4 June 1985, Dr Douglas wrote to Dr Snape at the Blood Products Laboratory seeking his help in obtaining supplied of heat-treated factor VIII concentrate.²¹ He copied the letter to Dr Rogers, Director of the South London Transfusion Centre. On 7 June 1985, Dr Rogers responded in a letter to Dr Snape that, "*we have already issued all our allocation of Heat Treated Factor VIII for June and I have no more available to give to him this month, unless I try and claw it back from the bigger users who probably will be unwilling to give it up anyway!*"²²

¹⁷ HCDO0001622

¹⁸ HCDO0000172_006

¹⁹ HCDO0001813

²⁰ HCDO0001813

²¹ CBLA0002181

²² CBLA0002189

Knowledge of risk of hepatitis/AIDS and HTLV-III

8. In June 1972 there was a meeting of the St Luke's Hospital Management Committee, where a revised report by the Advisory Group on testing for Australia (hepatitis associated) Antigen was discussed. The Board was asked to 'arrange for blood donations and other blood specimens to be tested'.²³
9. From at least 1976²⁴ to 1983,²⁵ Dr Douglas was a member of the British Society for Haematology Committee. However, he does not appear to have attended UKHCDO meetings.

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²³ TEAR0000020

²⁴ BSHA0000122

²⁵ BSHA0000114