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Executive Committee
UKHCDO

Dear Colleague,

Provision of Recombinant Factor VIII 1999-2000

At the AGM in Oxford on 1st October, we considered the continuing availability of recombinant factor VIII, during the next financial year. Anxiety was expressed that some purchasers might not continue to fund rVIII particularly for those under the age of 16 years who received it directly as a result of Health Circular issued in February. A further concern was that the price might continue to rise, particularly for new contracts. I have written to Dr Graham Winyard about this, and other related topics and a copy of my letter is enclosed.

We have been asked by the AGM to consider what actions should be taken if there is a shortage of recombinant factor VIII. In essence, we need to formulate some guidelines as to which patients should revert to plasma derived factor VIII if this becomes necessary.

I should therefore be grateful if you could write to me with your views as to which patients, currently on recombinant factor VIII, should revert to plasma derived concentrate if the need arises.

Please could you send me your views by 31st October as to the order of priority for converting patients back to plasma derived factor VIII. I shall summarise the views I receive, and issue a document for discussion prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday 13th November.

I enclose for your information, copies of recent correspondence with the Department of Health.

Yours sincerely,

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