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From Mick O'Donnell

Richard/Zubeda - Thanks so much for your work in getting this money re-instated. This is really excellent news. Quite apart from obviously meaning a huge amount to the patients it takes a lot of pressure off the Trusts and PCTs and means that we can concentrate on taking the national group forward in its wider scope, ie developing and using the UKHCDO database to support and develop more rational and informed planning for haemophilia services generally. Had Trusts /PCTs had to make up a financial gap in haemophilia in the current year I am afraid that would have dominated *everything* within haemophilia: those not directly involved would simply (and wrongly) have viewed haemophilia as a badly managed service which was financially stopping them taking forward their other local service priorities. The value of the re instatement goes beyond the money involved and I appreciate the degree of work and persuasion you have put in behind the scenes.

On a more minor point as we agreed we have been going through the patient by patient data for West Mids which Sybill has kindly supplied us with. Whilst we have not fully completed this yet, in general terms there appears to be a good degree of correlation with our own local data, but we have come across 1 Trust for which data was excluded for whatever reason. Sybill, Frank and I have been speaking about this and the errant Trust is submitting this to Sybill now and I think should have this completed by Friday/Monday and the appropriate adjustment will need to be made to the allocations to reflect this before the revised (ie £4m. uplifted) allocations go out for comment.

Once again thanks for a successful outcome to this.

Regards

Mick O'Donnell

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