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Frank

Like you I am disappointed at the reduction and can assure you that I fought very hard to retain the original amount but with no success.

I can confirm that the reduction is £4m so the amount we have to play with this year is £17.7m. I will of course inform the Haemophilia Society and members of the Monitoring Group.

Happy to convene an emergency meeting to look at the implications of the reduction.

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Can you please ask Joan to set a quick meeting up. Thanks

Richard

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Dear Richard,

I'm sure you share my disappointment that the money for the rollout of recombinant products for haemophilia patients has been reduced for this year. You said that the budget had been reduced by 10% and that it was £17.7 million. If the latter is correct then it is a greater than 10% reduction. Can you confirm the budget for 2004/2005 so that I can get Sybil

Hirsch to redo the allocations for PCT's? We will aim to have this ready for 2 June (sooner if possible).

I presume you will communicate this news to the Haemophilia Society and to the members of the Monitoring Group and to the members of the Working Party.

As we agreed, I spoke to Mick O'Donnell to get a commissioner's slant. We both felt the Monitoring Group should have an extraordinary meeting in early June, as we don't meet until early July, to look at the implications. Mike also felt the information about the reduction in budget for this year should

be circulated to all those involved in specialist commissioning, so that they can begin to assess the risks. Would Julia (Stallibrass) be able to arrange this?

I've asked Sybil to pro rata the allocations down so that I can assess how that allocation relates to the patients usage in the baseline year. It will be impractical to reverse the treatment from recombinant back to plasma product for the patients eligible in this year.

Kind regards,

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