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To Members of the United Kingdom Haemophilia Centres' Doctors' Organisation (UKHCDO)

Dear Colleagues

Re: Roll out of Recombinant Factor Products to Adult Haemophilia Patients

Contract reference: RG/PD/03/42

Period of agreement: 4 November 2003 to 31 March 2006

In January 2004, Professor Hill, chairman of the UKHCDO, wrote to you regarding the allocation of extra monies to provide synthetic clotting factors to haemophilia patients currently treated with plasma derived product. Since then we have received feedback from the contracted suppliers which has highlighted that orders are not being placed for the volumes we expected.

It was anticipated that the Centres would order five months of stock to be delivered and invoiced before 31 March 2004; funds have been allocated to the PCT's based upon this assumption.

If the balance of the orders are not placed very quickly, to be delivered and invoiced before the 31 March, it is likely that up to two thirds of the £13 million allocated by the Department of Health will be lost. You may need to put pressure on your PCT to accelerate the release of the funds. I would appreciate some feedback on your position.

Should you have any further queries regarding the national contract please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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