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Dear Christopher,

Purchases of Commercial Factor VIII

Thank you for your recent letter indicating the total number of units of Factor VIII which you had obtained from non NHS sources during the year 1983/84. Inevitably, this topic will come up for discussion at the next annual Haemophilia Directors/BTS Meeting and it would be helpful to be clear about the situation in advance. I would be very grateful if you could comment on three questions for me.

1. Do the purchases of non NHS material during 1983/84 reflect a failure on our part to supply you a sufficient quantity of factor VIII at any time during the year?
2. Was there a clinical requirement for a type or types of product essential for the management of some of your patients which we were unable to provide. If so, do you feel that we should at least be considering alterations or extensions to the PFC product range?
3. Can you give me any projection of the quantities of non NHS blood products which you will require to purchase during the year 1984/85.

I look forward to your comments on these points.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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 Director