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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICECENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1 Following the last meeting of this committee proposals for a committee reporting structure for the Central Committee were agreed with the Scottish Home and Health Department (SHHD). These proposals (Appendix 1) were agreed by the Transfusion Directors of England and Wales and by the Central Blood Laboratories Authority.

2 The proposals were comprehensively rejected by Scottish Transfusion Directors at their recent meeting. Among the reasons they gave were a) the present regional basis of the NBTS makes the present proposals unworkable; b) the commercial brief of the CBLA would conflict with the proposals and the SNBTS directors have no confidence that CBLA would participate fully; c) the proposals would unduly delay uptake of new ideas; d) any organisation designed to promote and coordinate research cannot do so without its own funds to disburse.

3 English Ministers have previously indicated their wish to have a UK based Research Committee and DHSS will therefore pursue the objective of a UK Central Committee at ministerial level. Members may wish to comment.

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