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Dear SAMO

SUPPLY OF AHG CONCENTRATE FOR THE TREATMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA

I wrote to you on 6 March 1973 informing you of recent developments in the availability of freeze-dried human AHG concentrate which had been precipitated by the granting of product licences to two firms enabling them to market their product in the UK. The expert group which met in March reached certain conclusions which the Department are now using as the basis for planning for the future. These included a recommendation that arrangements should be made for central purchase of the concentrate, at least to meet the requirements in the immediate future.

Supply Division are negotiating with Travenol Laboratories Ltd and Serological Products Ltd for the supply of AHG concentrate to enable haemophilia centres to purchase this material for the treatment of haemophilic patients in their care. Packs of 250 and 500 units of the concentrate, together with water for injection BP, will be available. Details of the supply arrangements will be circulated as soon as possible, and I would like you to note that the products in question will need to be purchased from within existing finance allocations.

Meanwhile the Department, in close cooperation with the Scottish Home and Health Department, is considering ways of increasing NHS production.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Directors of Haemophilia Centres and Regional Transfusion Centres, and also to Secretaries and Treasurers of Regional Hospital Boards and Boards of Governors.

Yours sincerely

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 Chief Medical Officer