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I refer to Dr Ludlam's letter to you of 23 February about compensation for individuals who receive the new Factor VIII.

I believe the answer to Dr Ludlam has to be that the Department is not yet in a position to follow the ABPI guidelines beyond the stage of where the injections begin to be given for treatment and not purely for reasons of testing. Furthermore, I understand that a full product licence may never be obtained from CSM, a body which is in any case not able to grant a licence at all. I told Dr Ludlam informally recently of my doubts whether the full product licence procedure would ever go into action.

I understand today from Dr Perry that trials have already begun in any case.

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