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## A CENTRALISED NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Could we meet to discuss this at the earliest.

A number of points raised at the CBLA Research and Development Committee today emphasised the importance of some action being taken soon on the letter from [redacted] to [redacted] earlier this year which suggested that a Working Group of the NBTS should be set up to consider the possibilities of centralising the service.

## Projects

1. It is quite evident that Research and Development/are being undertaken in Scotland at the Protein Fractionation Laboratory and England at BPL which reduplicates each other. In addition research is going on in RTC's out with the CBLA and there is no coordination. At a time like this when the possibilities of producing all sorts of blood products/diagnostic reagents through biotechnology, not only is money being wasted because of reduplication but because there is no central coordination opportunities are being lost of exploiting discoveries in the UK. As a result these will be sold abroad and developed by commercial companies who will then sell the products back to us here.
2. Introduction of the heat treated blood products Factor VIII and IX and proper surveillance of their use could be so much more easily achieved by central coordination outside BPL.
3. Plasma supply [redacted] because pro rata basis has to be pursued this will mean that instead of pure heat treated factor VIII and IX going to haemophilic children who are HTLV iii negative it will go to haemophilacs who are antibody positive and already infected with non A non B hepatitis.
4. I believe that Regional Transfusion Directors are becoming increasingly frustrated by not having had a response to their request to set up a Working Group to examine the possibilities of joining together to form one service.

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