

BACKGROUND NOTE

1. A patient suffering from AIDS in a Bournemouth hospital (Mr Butterfill is MP for Bournemouth, West) was found to have been a regular blood donor. His blood had been used in various places in England and Wales for direct transfusion, and plasma from it to produce Factor VIII. Plasma from thousands of donations goes to make a batch of Factor VIII, and the donor whose blood was responsible for the contamination in the Scottish batch has not been traced, but is not thought to have been the man from Bournemouth.

2. Antibodies to HTLV III were found in blood of 15 haemophiliac patients treated with Scottish produced Factor VIII towards the end of last year. A meeting to which all haemophiliacs in Scotland were invited was held just before Christmas to explain the position to them. A Press Release was made at the same time.

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