MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1984 AT TRINITY PARK HOUSE, EDINBURGH.

Present: Mr R Wallace (Convener)
Dr A E Bell
Mr J W Duncan
Dr D B Horn
Dr J F Kirk
Dr G A McDonald
Mr H Morison
Mr C V Ruckley
Dr G A Scott
Dr C C Smith
Sir Simpson Stevenson

In attendance: Mr C H Wooller, General Administrator; Mr J Waitman,
Personnel Officer; Mr M J Ogg, Accountant; Mr J Francis,
Accountant; Mr R Y Anderson, Assistant General
Administrator; Dr E Brookes, Regional Director, East of
Scotland Blood Transfusion Service; Dr J D Cash, National
Medical Director, Blood Transfusion Service;
Dr D B L McClelland, Regional Director, Edinburgh and South
East Scotland Blood Transfusion Service; Dr R Mitchell,
Regional Director, Glasgow and West of Scotland Blood
Transfusion Service; Dr R Perry, Acting Director, Protein
Fractionation Centre; Dr S J Urbanjak, Regional Director,
North East Scotland Blood Transfusion Service;
Dr W Whitrow, Regional Director, North of Scotland Blood
Transfusion Service.

Apologies for absence were received from Professor
R H Girdwood.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
MEETING:

2142. The minutes of the meeting held on 29 August
1984 were submitted and approved as a correct
record.

MATTERS ARISING:

2143. (i) Minute 2100 – Relationship with the
Private Sector

The Sub-Committee noted that a paper was
being prepared dealing with the matter of charging for cross-matching and
related investigative work.

(ii) Minute 2101 – Development of Private
Health Sector Blood Collection Operations
In the UK

The Sub-Committee noted the terms of a
letter of 17 October 1984 from the
Scottish Home and Health Department in
response to the representations made at
the last meeting, to the effect that
Ministers would not look with favour on
the setting up of any independent blood
collection system and would certainly
discourage such a move.

(iii) Minute 2102 – Processing of Plasma for
Northern Ireland

The Sub-Committee noted that the Eastern
Health/
Health and Social Services Board (Northern Ireland) had now made payment to account for the processing of plasma carried out on their behalf.

(iv) Minute 2103 - Revenue Development Proposals 1985/86

The Sub-Committee noted that it was the intention for the ad hoc Group set up to give detailed consideration to the Revenue Development Proposals for 1985/86 to meet probably in May 1985, when the revenue allocations for that year were known.

SNBTS - COMMERCIAL INTERFACE: 2144. (i) Minutes of Meeting of the Advisory Panel for the Disposal of Surplus Blood Products held on 18 October 1984

The Sub-Committee accepted the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Panel on the Disposal of Surplus Blood Products held on 18 October 1984, and approved the recommendation contained in minute 2144(i) that guidance on the release of products should now be issued to the Transfusion Directors. In addition, it was noted that the recommendation contained in minute 2144(ii) would be dealt with under item 2144(ii) below.

(ii) Commercial Interface - Future Arrangements

There was submitted a paper which dealt with the future arrangements which would be required to deal with the products made and the scientific know-how developed within the Service which were of interest to commercial concerns. The Advisory Panel for the Disposal of Surplus Blood Products had developed guidance on the release of products to organisations outside the Scottish Health Service, and in addition, the Sub-Committee had previously agreed that in order to optimise the Agency's position in any commercial negotiations, enquiries should be made with a view to acquiring the services of a professional business/scientific broker. The Sub-Committee were now asked to consider, as a means of maintaining good relations between the Service and voluntary donors, the possibility of making some public announcement of this development. This view was supported by the Advisory Panel. In addition, the Sub-Committee were asked to consider the establishment of a Steering Group to negotiate terms of contracts with commercial concerns and to monitor progress.

After a full discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

(i)
(i) that a public announcement should be made with regard to the Agency's policy on the development of links between the Service and industry, the statement to be released through the Scottish Information Office after consultation with the Department. It was further agreed that the Trade Unions should be advised in advance of the intention to make the statement; and

(ii) to establish a Steering Group to deal with the commercial interface, with the following membership:-

A member of the Management Committee (Mr A C Purves)
Secretary or representative
Treasurer or representative
National Medical Director
A Medical representative from SNHD (Dr A E Bell)
A representative from the Chief Scientist Office (Observer)
The Business/Scientific Broker (Observer).

It was further noted that it would be necessary to undertake a competitive selection process to obtain the services of the Business/Scientific Broker.

HOME DEFENCE
PLANNING – BLOOD BAG STOCKS:

2145. The Sub-Committee accepted a recommendation from the National Medical Director that additional funding should be sought from the Scottish Home and Health Department to increase the strategic stocks of blood bags to a maximum of six months supply at an approximate non-recurring cost of £250,000 in 1985/86.

ETHICS COMMITTEE –
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 1984:

2146. The Sub-Committee accepted the minutes of the Ethics Committee of 5 September 1984.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT
PROGRAMME 1985/86:

2147. The Sub-Committee approved as submitted the proposed Vehicle Replacement Programme for 1985/86 as undernoted:–

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ITEMS FOR HOMOLOGATION:

2148. The Sub-Committee homologated the Convener's action in relation to the undernoted items:

(i) Edinburgh and South East Scotland Centre - Junior Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer - approval to the termination of employment.

(ii) Edinburgh and South East Scotland Centre - Financial Support for Training Programme - approval to a proposal that Dr J. Gillon, recently appointed Consultant at the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Centre, spend three months training in Kansas City, USA at a cost of £2,887 to be met from 'non-recurring' resources available to the Service in 1984/85.

COURSES, CONFERENCES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

2149. (i) Within the United Kingdom

The Sub-Committee noted attendances at courses, conferences and leave of absence within the United Kingdom approved under the scheme for the delegation of powers for the authorisation of such attendances as set out in Appendix I to this minute.

(ii) Outwith the United Kingdom

The Sub-Committee homologated the Convener's action in granting approval to the undernoted requests:

(i) Dr D C Kilpatrick, Senior Immunologist, Edinburgh and South East Scotland Centre - leave of absence with pay to enable him to attend a research meeting at the University of Poznan, Poland from 3-7 September 1984, travelling and subsistence expenses to be met by the organisers of the meeting.

(ii) Dr P R Foster, Principal Biochemist, Protein Fractionation Centre - leave of absence with pay to enable him to accept an invitation to present a paper at the ninth annual symposium on Blood Transfusion organised by the Red Cross Blood Bank, Groningen, Netherlands.
Netherlands on 1 and 2 November 1984, his travelling and subsistence expenses to be met by the organisers.

(iii) Dr I McGregor, Senior Biochemist, Headquarters Laboratory—leave of absence with pay to enable him to accept an invitation to present a paper at a meeting of the European Thrombosis Research Organisation Working Party on Endothelial Cell Biology in Paris on 2 and 3 November 1984, his travelling and subsistence expenses to be met by the organisers.

The Sub-Committee agreed to take no action on a request for leave of absence with pay from Dr R. J. Crawford, Consultant, Glasgow and West of Scotland Centre to visit Leiden Blood Transfusion Centre, Netherlands for tissue-typing experience for a period of three weeks in February and March 1985 since discussions as to the future of immunology services in the West of Scotland were still ongoing.

FACTOR VIII PUBLICITY:

2150. The Sub-Committee noted a report by the Convener that a letter had been received from Professor Girdwood expressing concern at the misleading impression given by a recent article in the "Scotsman" dealing with AIDS, which implied that Factor VIII supplies would continue to be imported from the USA, while in fact in Scotland, there was self-sufficiency in the product.

The National Medical Director and the Acting Director, Protein Fractionation Centre advised the Sub-Committee that they had met with a senior reporter from the newspaper and had given a detailed account of the position in Scotland with a view to a feature article on the work of the Scottish Transfusion Service being published in the near future.

The Sub-Committee noted the position with interest, and agreed to leave the Convener and the National Medical Director with the discretion as to whether a formal response should be made to the article, depending on how the matter progressed.