Dear John,

Medicines Inspectorate Report

You will, no doubt, have received a copy of a letter to me from Mr. Haythornthwaite, dated 4th June 1982.

There are one or two items which emerge from this letter which I believe deserves our collective (national) attention. These can be summarised as follows:

Item 4 - Designated Q.A. Post:

I think we need to review this matter carefully. It would be my view that SHHD will resist the appointment of a new member of staff to each Centre for this function. I would share such a view. An alternative would be to consider the appointment of one individual for the whole of the SNBTS Regional Centres. Such an individual could work through designated persons at each Centre but he/she would be responsible for seeing that we are kept up-to-date with all legislation etc. If this was acceptable then we would need to consider whether such a person was located in one of the RTC's or at the H.Q. Laboratory. I would favour the former.

Item 7:

(a) We need to consider, formally, in the not too distant future, the question of Sessions in Prisons etc. I would very much welcome your comments as to whether we should abandon this practice.

(b) I have asked Ewa Brookes whether she will, on our behalf, take this matter up, along with Item 7(c).

Item 10:

I cannot escape the conclusion that the Inspector may well be advising us to take up the issue we shelved - a national reference laboratory for hepatitis testing. I would welcome your views.

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I would be most grateful if you would consider the idea of us having one label printing centre and that this could be PFC. At the same time it seems to me we ought to consider having a small group that sets about standardising all the labels where this is possible.

I look forward to your responses.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

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