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Dear Geoffrey,

NIBSC/UK BTS Liaison Group on
Guidelines for the Manufacture of Biologicals
Used in Transfusion Medicine

Rather than write a formal minute on the informal meeting we had
on the 19th January, 1987 I thought it most appropriate to list a series
of points which seemed to me to be relevant:

1. Those present were Dr Schild, Dr Thomas, Mr Lort (NIBSC), Dr Fraser
   (NBTS) and Dr Cash (SNBTS).

2. It was agreed that there should be created a NIBSC/UK BTS Liaison
   Group on Guidelines for the Manufacture of Biologicals used in
   Transfusion Medicine and that at this stage this Group would be one
   which was essentially professional in nature.

3. It was agreed that the members of the Liaison Group would be:

   Dr Bangham (Scientific Secretary)*
   Dr Cash (SNBTS)
   Dr Fraser (NBTS)*
   Dr Gunson (NBTS: DHSS Adviser)*
   Dr Lane (NBTS)
   Mr Lort (NIBSC)
   Dr Perry (SNBTS)
   Dr Phillips (NIBSC)
   Dr Rockblatt (DHSS)*
   Dr Thomas (NIBSC)
   Dr Wagstaff (NBTS)*

* Dr Fraser agreed to confirm these nominations were acceptable to
  the NBTS Directors as a whole and were appropriate.
* Dr Schild agreed to confirm that this proposal was acceptable to
  Dr Bangham and Dr Rockblatt and that Dr Ed Harris (DHSS) agreed to
  Dr Rockblatt's involvement.

Note: It was agreed that a BTS person should be Chairperson of the
Liaison Group. Dr Fraser was asked to invite Dr Wagstaff to
undertake this task.

National Medical Director: Dr John D. Cash
National Administrator: Miss Morag Corrie
4. It was agreed that there should be established 3 Working Groups* which would report to the Liaison Group. These would be:

(a) Working Group on Therapeutic Products produced by Regional Blood Transfusion Centres (proposed Chairman, Dr W Wagstaff (NBTS)).

(b) Working Group on Therapeutic Products produced by Protein Fractionation Centres (proposed Chairman, Dr D Thomas (NIBSC)).

(c) Working Group on Diagnostic Reagents for Immunohaematology (proposed Chairman, Dr P Phillips (NIBSC)).

* It was proposed that Dr Bangham would be asked to act as Scientific Secretary for all Working Groups and agreed that each Chairman would be responsible for inviting members on to his Working Group.

5. It was agreed that Mr Lort (NIBSC) would make appropriate arrangements to provide administrative services for the Liaison Group and Working Groups.

6. It was agreed that an informal meeting of the Liaison Group should take place at NIBSC (11 a.m.) on the 18th March, 1987.

I trust the above will suffice.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

John D Cash

P.S. Will forward a few notes as soon as possible, designed to assist with getting the discussion going on the 18th March.