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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

The West of Scotland Blood Transfusion Service was part of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS). In 1985, as today, SNBTS was responsible for collecting, manufacturing and supplying blood components to Scottish blood banks. In addition, SNBTS also managed some Scottish blood banks, while territorial health boards managed others.

Rutherglen Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, closed in August 1998. SNBTS did not manage the blood bank at Rutherglen Maternity Hospital. Rather, Rutherglen Maternity blood bank was managed by the Victoria Infirmary. I believe the New Victoria Hospital now holds any historical records relating to Rutherglen Maternity Hospital.

SNBTS holds no information on the management of severe antepartum haemorrhage or placental abruption, blood transfusion during emergency caesarean sections, or Scottish obstetric transfusion practices in the 1980s. Individual services may hold past local protocols.

Please contact me if is helpful to discuss this information further.

Best wishes,

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