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Rt Hon William Waldegrave, MP
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Waldegrave

I am writing to thank you for the part you played in achieving an out of court settlement for people with haemophilia who have come into contact with HIV through the use of contaminated factor VIII. It is a very great encouragement to us and our members to know that this matter is now resolved and that they can now concentrate once again on living their lives to the full.

It goes without saying that we would have liked to have seen more money made available in the final settlement offer for the reasons we tried to make clear during the campaign, in addition to which expectations had been raised by a number of people. While the vast majority of our members have indicated their intention to accept, this is being done with resignation and disquiet, recognising that there is really no option since it is financially impossible to fight on. It would be our fond hope that the original Macfarlane Trust might be made more secure with additional funding so that it too might be able to render ongoing assistance to those individuals and their families along the lines mentioned by the Government.

In the months ahead there will be many matters affecting the treatment and care of people with haemophilia which we will want to discuss, not least our anxieties regarding the treatment and the availability of treatment and care for people with haemophilia following the implementation of the NHS Review.

Yours sincerely

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David G Watters
General Secretary

- 1. cc Mr Sands - Mr Dobson
- Mr Barks - Mr Cameron
- Mr Delfgan - for draft
- Mr Wakehouse - reply
- Dr Smith
- Mr Hopper
- Mr Thompson
- Mr Campy
- Ms Christopherson
- 2. S J S - to see

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