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Dear Patsy,

**NUMBERS OF HAEMOPHILIA PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED FROM HIV/AIDS**

In December you asked Parliamentary Question about haemophiliacs and blood acquired infections, question references 143397, 143398 and 143399.

The response stated that the number of haemophilia patients infected with HIV/AIDS from infected NHS blood products, registered with the Macfarlane Trust, who have died before 1988 when the Trust was set up was 87, Monday 5 January, Official Report, col. 191-92W (copy attached). This figure has since been found to be incorrect, and should in fact have been 88.

The Department of Health does not collect information on the number of haemophilia patients who have died from HIV infected blood products. However the Macfarlane Trust who, since 1988, has managed the special payment scheme for haemophilia patients infected with HIV through NHS blood products does have figures for numbers of deaths of registrants from 1981, the earliest date that figures are available. The correct number of deaths between 1981 and 1987 is 88. The Macfarlane Trust has explained that the total of 88 now includes the extra case of a female registrant who died in 1986 and had not been included in the original calculation.

I have amended to Official Report in response to your more recent Parliamentary Question, question reference 146986 (copy attached), on the number of haemophiliacs who have died from blood product acquired infections in each year from 1975 to 1987.

I am arranging to place a copy of this letter in the Library.

Please accept my apologies for this error.

*Yours,*

GRO-C: Melanie Johnson