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Date 18th November 04

Dear Assembly member.

In a month's time it will be 20 years since government stuck a "band aid" on a dilemma of how to inform 1200 people with Haemophilia that they had tested positive for HIV ! !

● It is also 10 years since government informed 3600 people with Haemophilia that they had tested positive for HCV!!

Now we have the news that 6000 people with Haemophilia have received letters saying they may have received blood products from donors who have died of vCJD ! !

Informing the Haemophilia community of these facts was the easy part; but explaining how it was an avoidable tragedy was not!

I personally feel that the death of over 1000 people with Haemophilia which on average works out at one for every week that has passed, deserves a full explanation!

Instead we have received vague and unsubstantiated Ministerial comments of "inadvertent" or some kind of 'systematic failure"

● I asked Jane Hutt AM six months ago to meet with me to discuss this matter and still wait for a response, I would be most grateful if all Assembly members would support our request for a Full Public inquiry into this as yet unexplained tragedy

Yours Sincerely

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(one of many concerned people with Haemophilia)