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GRO-C: Morven

To: MS(PH)

From: Ian Matthews

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Date: 24 March 2009

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Dear Dawn,

The Blood Policy team advise against core funding for the Haemophilia Society in terms of the Third Sector Review. How would you like to proceed? Would you like to meet with the team to discuss your view? Would you like to discuss this with David Harper?

## FUNDING FOR THE HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY

### Purpose

1. You requested information on current funding for the Haemophilia Society, and how it will be funded in future.

Thanks,

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### Background on the Haemophilia Society

2. The Haemophilia Society is the only national and independent organisation for all people affected by bleeding disorders. The Society is led by affected people and works in close partnership with the NHS, and provides information and support for all people affected by bleeding disorder and represents their interests. The Society was established in 1950 and has over 7,000 members and supporters with a network of 16 local groups across the UK.

### Funding for the Haemophilia Society

#### Historical Position

3. The Haemophilia Society received core funding of £100k per annum for nine years between 1996 and 2007 under the Section 64 general scheme of grants. However, Section 64 grants are not intended to be permanent sources of funding. This rule applies to all organisations receiving Section 64 funding. The Haemophilia Society was advised in 2006 that core funding would be reduced over 3 years, and would cease at the end of 2009 -10. This tapering of core funding was to enable the Society to develop other sources of funding. In 2006, which is the most recent year for which figures are available, Department of Health funding comprised around 14% of the Society's overall funding. At that time, the Society had 20 corporate sponsors.

#### Current Position

4. In 2009 -10, the Haemophilia Society will receive its last tranche of core funding. It will also receive funding for the 'Young Bloods' project, which is running from 2008 - 11. This project is focused on the needs of children with bleeding disorders, and funding for the project is as follows:

2008 -09: £30k

2009 -10: £40k

2010 -11: £40k

### Future Funding

5. We have proposed that we provide a one-off development grant of £100k in 2009-10, and work with the Haemophilia Society to help it identify and capitalise upon other funding opportunities. This was included in Rowena Jecock's submission of 19 March 2009.

### Recommendation

6. We do not believe it would be appropriate to simply prop up the Haemophilia Society through ongoing core funding. A key conclusion of the Third Sector Funding & Investment Review, supported overwhelmingly by stakeholders and agreed by Ministers, was that Departmental funding of third sector organisations should support them to become more sustainable rather than maintain historic dependencies on the Department for funding.

### Conclusion

7. You are invited to:
- agree the revised draft reply to PO396309 from Matthew Taylor MP on funding for the Haemophilia Society, which is attached at Annex A.
  - Consider the proposal at paragraph 5 for a one-off sum of £100k, as part of our overall response to the Archer Inquiry.

**Ian Matthews**

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**PO396309 – Matthew Taylor, Funding for the Haemophilia Society**

The Government recognises the important work that the Haemophilia Society undertakes in support of its members. It has an active network of regional groups, and I am pleased to hear of the relaunch of a group in Cornwall and Devon to support haemophilia patients and their families in your region.

The Haemophilia Society has received support from the Government over many years, and continues to do so. We are providing core funding of £30,000 in 2009/10, and £80,000 of specific project funding over the next two financial years. The Society is welcome to apply for further project-specific funding in the next round of our Third Sector Funding Programme in the Autumn of 2009.

Our Third Sector Strategic Partner Programme has been established to support a coherent sector-wide voice at national level, to inform policy development, and support capacity and capability building within the sector in the context of the health and social care delivery environment. I have asked officials to continue working with the Haemophilia Society to help the Society identify and develop sustainable sources of future funding.

I hope this reassures you and Mr Elsby that we are committed to working with the Haemophilia Society to assist it in developing a sustainable future.