

From: **GRO-A** [mailto:**GRO-A**@**GRO-C**]
Sent: 09 November 2010 14:06
To: LANSLEY, Andrew
Subject: RE: **GRO-A**

Dear Mr Lansley,

Last year I sent you an email regarding my Father, **GRO-A**. I have attached our email exchange for your information before Ann Milton's meeting on Thursday 11th November.

I do not need a judge to tell me that what happened to my Dad was wrong and neither do you.

Everyday I teach children to understand the principle of 'right and wrong'. I hope that those children grow up respecting life even in its most simplest of forms and that they have the courage to take responsibility for their actions.

I also hope that the well educated people who Govern this country were afforded the same education as children. Perhaps then, it is just possible, that they may be able to display just some of the integrity, courage and compassion that my Dad mustered when faced with a premature death, inflicted upon him by people he trusted.

Please lead this country by example and find a way to bring peace to the people who have been affected by this tragedy. You may not be able to heal their

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bodies but you could do so much to bring forgiveness to their hearts.

Your sincerely,

GRO-A

--- On Tue, 30/6/09, LANSLEY, Andrew <LansleyA@GRO-C> wrote:

From: LANSLEY, Andrew <LansleyA@GRO-C>
Subject: RE: GRO-A
To: "GRO-A" <GRO-A@GRO-C>
Date: Tuesday, 30 June, 2009, 16:07

Dear GRO-A,

Many thanks for your email regarding your father. I am very sorry to hear of the difficult circumstances he had to live with and that you yourself had to bear as his daughter.

We welcome Lord Archer's report. As you know, thousands of patients were exposed to hepatitis and/or HIV as a result of contaminated NHS blood and blood products, with over 1700 of those patients having died since being infected and many more left terminally ill.

Conservatives believe it was wrong for the Department of Health to have failed to take part in this enquiry, and refused to allow files and documents relating to this case to be examined. Conservatives believe that 2014 is a completely arbitrary date for the Health Secretary, Alan Johnson (at the time of the announcement), to select for a review of payments. Like so many big issues with this Government, it has been kicked into the long grass.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Lansley

From: GRO-A [mailto:GRO-A@GRO-C]
Sent: 29 June 2009 22:34
To: LANSLEY, Andrew
Subject: GRO-A

Dear Mr Lansley,

Blaise Pascal once said -

"Justice without force is powerless; force without justice is tyrannical."

On the 18th June 2009, I wrote the following letter to the health secretary Andy Burnham.

I enclose it for your attention and to ask - If you had the power or the force needed to alleviate an injustice, what would you do? For the answer you give, will not only define you as a leader but also as a man.

GRO-A

Dear Mr Burnham,

Twenty years ago, on the GRO-A 1989, I held my Dad's hand and watched him die of AIDS - I was eleven years old. That day was the only day I have ever begged anyone for anything and God only knows how much I pleaded with him not to take my Dad.

My Dad died holding my hand because he didn't want to let go. He didn't want to die.

Why did the British Government let my Dad inject himself with Factor VIII when they knew it could kill him?

Before he died he:

- was asked to leave a friend's home because they did not want him in their house

- lived in fear of people finding out he had HIV, as he was terrified his wife and children would be victimised as he had been

- under went numerous medical trials

- relied on neighbours, each morning/evening, to carry him up and down the stairs

- became so painfully thin that he could only sit on a cushioned ring

- lost most of his sight

- cried when he watched childhood friends and family walk away for the last time

Why did the British Government allow haemophiliacs to inject themselves with Factor VIII when they knew it could inflict that level of suffering on a human being?

This week, it was announced that the Government would hold an Inquiry into the Iraq war which sadly killed 179 British soldiers and seriously injured 222. This year, you stood in a stadium full of grieving friends and family wanting to know why their loved ones had died. So far, contaminated blood/blood products, supplied by the NHS, has killed the equivalent of 20 Hillsborough Disasters.

Why has the British Government refused to hold a Public Inquiry into the Contaminated Blood Disaster which has so far killed 2000 British citizens?

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The NHS has infected over 4,800 British haemophiliacs with either Hepatitis C or HIV (or both), 170 non-haemophiliacs with HIV and countless others with Hepatitis C.

This tragedy could potentially kill more British people than 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and the 7/7 bombings added together ... and yet, you turn your head.

How could any Government allow a tragedy of this magnitude to go unnoticed or unjustified? And why, would a Government who had truly 'acted in good faith' not defend the victims of this tragedy?

Why has the British Government failed to implement the recommendations of the Archer Report?

This Sunday is Father's Day - perhaps you could take some time during the day to reflect on the impact this tragedy has had on other Fathers. The Fathers who have had to watch their young children die from their infections, the Fathers who were never able to see their children grow up and the thousands of young men who may never be Fathers because of the infections they were given through their NHS treatment.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-A

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