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I am e-mailing the DOH with a specific request related to haemophiliacs infected with HIV/HCV through their haemophilia plasma treatment. The government has repeatedly stated in letters to MPs, campaigners and the press that with regard to the government blood policy documents of the 1970s and 1980s "all the information is in the public domain." This statement is not true! I tried to access these government policy documents via another route (the original HIV/HCV solicitors acting for haemophiliacs) as the government also stated that some of these documents held by government had been erroneously destroyed/mislaidd by over zealous civil servant(s). A solicitor is willing to help me access these documents under Freedom of Information Act as is my MP Jim Cousins) but I find that ~~first the government solicitors must release the solicitors that represented haemophiliacs from the original undertaking not to put them in the public domain, or that they could be used only under very specific circumstances.~~ We request that the government solicitors now release the original solicitors representing haemophiliacs from this undertaking on the grounds that the government has publically stated on many occasions that all this information is in the public domain. Both my MP and a solicitor will be taking up this issue in writing.

The government is about to release a report on the blood policy documents of the 1970s and 1980s, but this will obviously not be a complete report as documents are missing. In order that we may respond to this document in writing it is in the interests of the general public that the government ensure that they stick to their word "that all the information is in the public domain" and allow campaigners/ relatives of those haemophiliacs that have died full access to these documents. I also wish to write up my MA dissertation referring to the blood policy documents of the 1970s and 1980s that are supposed to be in the public domain, yet at present I cannot access them, this is contradictory and against the FIA. I have accessed some blood policy documents under FIA already but not all of those held by solicitors. ~~I was allowed to photocopy and take some government documents with the full permission of a solicitor who said I could do anything I like with them, but then they seemed to panic however it was too late I had already sent some to press, not my fault if legal people don't know what they are talking about. I just go with what I am advised legally and will continue to utilise these documents in the interest of truth and justice as everything was supposed to be in the public domain anyway. Take the solicitors to court if you have a problem with this but it goes against your own statement. My recent e-mail to you showing the DOH lying to me about known risks of imported plasma being less safe because of hepatitis risk than UK plasma is a perfect example of why we need these documents released in order to make sure the truth is in the public domain.~~

Please acknowledge this e-mail as you have a tendency to lose my e-mails.

Carol Grayson (Haemophilia Action UK)

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