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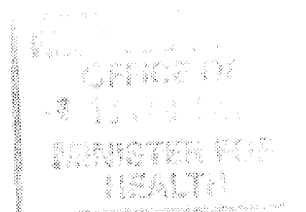
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The draft press  
release has been  
amended  
accordingly.*

**BLOOD TRANSFUSION PATIENTS WITH HIV**

We have been keeping in touch with officials in other Health Departments about this announcement. We have heard this morning from Scottish colleagues that given the different legal backgrounds, it may be necessary to have a separate Scottish panel to consider difficult cases. We need to consider this in more detail with them but for now would advise that any statement or press release should avoid giving the impression that a single scheme would operate UK wide. We attach a revised final page of the draft press release we supplied yesterday, suitably amended.

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*Final Page of Draft Press Release*

I have great sympathy for the blood and tissue recipients who have become infected through their treatment. Money cannot compensate for this but I hope that the provision we are making will provide some measure of financial security for those affected and their families.

Similar help will be available throughout the UK."