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Letter to Haemophilia Society on haemophiliacs infected with Hepatitis C

1. Thank you for your briefing on this issue which you provided yesterday. However, I am writing to advise you of a change in the timetable for issuing PS(H)'s response to the Haemophilia Society. Following discussion at TOTO this morning Ministers have decided that the reply should **not** be issued this Thursday as planned, but will in fact need to wait until after Wednesday of next week. (This is to avoid causing problems with a separate meeting SofS will be having on Wednesday.)

Action arising

2. We will now need to adjust plans accordingly. Thanks to the work already put in, there should not be much more action to undertake. However, I would be grateful if ID could advise on handling for next week, and in particular on whether there is any particular day which would be suitable to issue the reply. As discussed earlier, we will also need to ensure that we have a finalised text of the letter ready to send - perhaps we could discuss later today.

Nick Fahy

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*Ray - he wants to check over final
text. Will call me later today -
email it for*

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David andy a final

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