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Dear Ms Cooper

I am aware that you are currently examining the range of options regarding compensation for people infected by contaminated blood following the recent High Court judgement and continued demands from the public and groups such as the Haemophilia Society.

I am sure you will agree that effective cooperation on these issues between our administrations is crucial. I acknowledge, and appreciate, the very close liaison there has been between our officials and between myself and Philip Hunt on these issues.

We will shortly be making an announcement regarding Scottish cases which are directly analogous to those covered by the English High Court judgement. It would be useful to be clear on our wider direction of travel in advance of any such announcement. I would therefore welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you at an early date and trust that our officials will continue to liaise closely.

I am copying this letter to Jane Hutt and Bairbre de Brun.

Yours sincerely,

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PP **SUSAN DEACON**

(Approved by the Minister and signed in her absence).



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