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Sir Brian Langstaff
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Infected Blood Inquiry

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Dear Sir Brian,

Following my appointment as Minister responsible for the Infected Blood Inquiry, I am writing to you to reaffirm the Government's commitment to the Inquiry, and my personal commitment as sponsor.

The Inquiry is a priority for the Government. I understand and commend your desire to achieve, in your Inquiry's work, a proper balance between thoroughness and speed. As sponsor Minister, I am committed to doing all I can to ensure that your Inquiry has all the resources it needs to enable you to complete your very important work as quickly as thoroughness allows.

You are right to put the people who have been infected and affected at the heart of this Inquiry. Oliver Dowden, my predecessor as sponsor Minister, along with Nadine Dorries, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Care, met a number of campaigners on 28 January, to listen to their experiences and understand the issues of most concern to them. I would like to reassure those that attended, and all those infected and affected, of my commitment to take forward the actions agreed at the meeting. I have had an initial discussion with Nadine this month about ways to take this forward.

I very much hope to be able to attend the Inquiry when it next hears evidence. Until then, I would like to thank you and your team for the work done so far, and record my particular admiration and gratitude to all of the people infected and affected who have provided the Inquiry with such moving, powerful and important testimonies.

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