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Subject: HEP C - MAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY CAMPAIGN FOR COMPENSATION

This is to alert you to the publication on Monday 4 December of a report by the Haemophilia Society on the impact on its members who have been infected with Hepatitis C (through blood products). You will be aware that the Society are campaigning for compensation for such members similar to that provided for people infected with HIV through blood/blood products.

The report, based on a survey carried out by the Society, looks at health, welfare and financial implications (eg loss of work) resulting from the infection. It will no doubt be used as evidence to support the contention that members are suffering hardship through no fault of their own and should be compensated. John Marshall MP has a reachable oral on Tuesday and he will be armed with a copy. It is likely that the press will run stories the same day. I am trying to get hold of an advance copy. The line to take should remain :-

"The Government has great sympathy for those infected with Hepatitis C as a result of NHS treatment. But as no fault nor negligence on the part

of the NHS has been proved there are no plans to make special payments."

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Ext **GRO-C**, EH