

The Rt. Hon David Cameron MP
Prime Minister
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Re: Contaminated blood

Dear Mr Cameron

The All Part Parliamentary Group on Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood recently met and are pleased to hear ongoing work you and your government are undertaking to seek a new system of support for those affected by contaminated blood.

The members of the APPG are frequently contacted by their constituents who have been affected by this tragedy and would like to ask if every person affected, or the family members of those who have died have been contacted by the Government to inform them of the proposals announced so far?

We believe this would be an important step in ensuring people are aware of recent announcements, and would also be a helpful process, particularly for identifying those who may not be registered with the organisations such as the Skipton Fund, MacFarlane Trust and Eileen Trust.

As you may be aware there are many families affected who's parent or child died before any support organisations were established, or people who have moved away from the family home who were severely affected, but may not be on any record. The APPG feel it is essential everyone affected is identified and contact details sought, to enable a swift resolution once a decision has been made on any future support.

We would also request that The Co-Chairs of the APPG and Mr O'Mahony, Chief Executive of the Irish Haemophilia Society have the opportunity to meet the relevant officials including Treasury and Department of Health representatives to share our thoughts and the details of the Irish experience of deciding on a system of support for these affected by contaminated blood. We believe it will be important to learn the lessons of other similar schemes and also to engage with the affected community, as well as ensuring all existing evidence is included in any decision making process. The APPG would be happy to facilitate contacting Mr O'Mahony. We would also request that Liz Carroll Chief Executive of the UK Haemophilia Society attend these meetings to represent the affected community across the UK.

Commented [LC1]: Diana, I think it would be important for me to be at this meeting if it happens, but know this may not be what the APPG want, so feel free to remove this!

Yours Sincerely

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Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Co- Chair's of the APPG on Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood

cc

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
Jane Ellison MP