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Here is our annotated contribution, mostly to Q4. Happy to discuss



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Subject Fw: **VERY URGENT** Contamination of NHS Blood and Blood Products during the 1970s and 1980s

Can we meet in the 5th floor BOA at 2pm please.

We need to agree who will contribute to each section of this. This is priority this pm.

Thanks!

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Blood Products during the 1970s and 1980s

Dear All,

I apologise about the confusion over part of my initial email. I did not mean to imply that the Minister was unhappy about the team's handling of the publication of Lord Archer's report. I was referring to the handling of the issue as whole in an historical context as well as how we came to the position we are at now. Particularly with reference to our position regarding a public inquiry.

Thank you,

Morven Smith

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Blood Products during the 1970s and 1980s

Dear All,

In addition to my previous email, Could the note for MS(PH) to send to SofS also include
her requesting approval to speak to former Ministers regarding this issue?

Thank you,

Morven Smith

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Subject ****VERY URGENT**** Contamination of NHS Blood and
Blood Products during the 1970s and 1980s

Dear All,

Thank you for your submission regarding the recent publication of Lord Archer's Independent Inquiry Report. MS(PH) has seen this report and is very concerned about the contamination of NHS blood and blood products during the 1970s and 1980s. She is particularly concerned about how this issue has been handled.

The Minister feels that it is clearly not acceptable in such tragic and unique circumstance for DH to claim no liability and to give no more money to the Trusts.

She has asked for the following work to be done by **9am tomorrow morning**. She has also asked for a list of the Ministers responsible for blood policy since 1970. I have contacted the Cabinet Office regarding this and they will be responding this afternoon.

1. Copies of all documents withheld from the inquiry.
2. Brief Chronology of patients being infected through NHS blood and blood products - in terms of when they have been identified as having been infected and, if known, when they are likely to have been infected.
3. Details of any payments made directly to patients who received contaminated blood and blood products - in relation to the two additional payments made in the early 1990s - one in 1990 and one in settlement of litigation in 1991.
4. Background on the setting up of all three trusts - MacFarlane, Eileen and Skipton specifically:
 - how each was set up?
 - why each was set up?
 - how the amounts of funding were decided?
5. A brief note on the attitude of the Government of the Day to this issue.
6. How to respond immediately to the request for an apology to victims? I will show MS(PH) the note given to me by Rowena when she is back from her meeting, but can this also be included as part of this pack?
7. How much can we give to the Eileen and MacFarlane Trusts as an immediate amount of additional resources?
8. How to take forward consideration of each recommendation of the report? She needs a more robust response than was given in the previous note.
9. What is in place so that this tragedy is never repeated?
9. A note from MS(PH) to SofS on this issue and our proposed way forward/response.

I understand that this is a huge amount of work to be gathered for tomorrow morning, but MS(PH) would like to put a note into SofS's weekend box which is going tomorrow at 14:00.

Thank you very much and I appreciate all your help to take this work forward immediately.

Thank you,

Morven Smith

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