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HAEMOPHILIACS DEMAND HEPATITIS AIDi

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Haemophiliacs infected with the hepatitis C virus through contaminated blood products today demanded cash help from the Governmenti

The Haemophilia Society said more than 40 sufferers have already died as a result of infection with the virus which can cause serious liver disease and cancer.i

Chairman of the Haemophilia Society, the Reverend Prebendary Alan Tanner, said: rrover 3,000 people with haemophilia have been infected with this potentially life-threatening virus through treatment with clotting factor concentrates before 1986.ssi

He said victims were not told of the risk of hepatitis when they were given treatment and were infected in exactly the same way as more than 1,200 people with haemophilia contracted the Aids virus.i

Yet while those infected with HIV received cash help from the Government, hepatitis C victims received nothing.i

Key demands by the society arei

• An across the board payment to all those infectedi

• Access to a hardship fund for those who become ill and the dependants of those who diei

• As a matter of urgency, payments to those who are already ill and the dependants of those who have died.i

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