



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Notice of Written Ministerial Statement

**Title of Secretary of State/Ministerial
head of department:** Secretary of State for Health

Subject of Statement: Recombinant clotting factors for
haemophilia patients

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WRITTEN MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

12 February 2003

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health: Written
Ministerial Statement on recombinant clotting factors for haemophilia patients

Ms Blears

I am pleased to announce today that the Government has invested an extra £88 million over the next three years to provide recombinant clotting factors for haemophilia patients in England. Haemophilia patients up to age 21 are already receiving these products. The extra funding will extend the availability of recombinant clotting factors to adult patients.

Over the next few months the Government will work with key stakeholders, including the Haemophilia Society, clinicians and primary care trusts, to design a programme for rolling out access to recombinant products to older age groups. This roll out will take time to achieve because of the large volume of product involved. However, by March 2006 the vast majority of haemophilia patients should be receiving recombinant clotting factors.

We have taken a number of steps to make clotting factors used to treat people with haemophilia as safe as possible. We hope this extra £88 million will ultimately give all haemophilia patients access to synthetic treatments, where these are recommended by clinicians.

[Copies of Y have been placed in the Library.]