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Dear lan

Thank you for your letter of 21st December 2021.

As this response to our correspondence to you of 20th October 2021 was received just before the Christmas and New Year break, we were not able to reconvene a meeting with the Chairs of the four Haemophilia organisations – UK, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales – and representatives of the campaign groups Birchgrove Group, Positive Women and Tainted Blood until mid-January. All of these organisations equally contributed to and approved the wording of our original letter.

Thank you also for acknowledging that THT could in the past have done more to support the haemophilia community living with HIV. However, the implication that the haemophilia community and their families who were living with huge stigma did not want support from an organisation closely associated with the LGBT community has caused more offence.

We too, as you state, do not wish to perpetuate the history of disputes and divisions that have in part allowed successive governments to dismiss their responsibility to our community or acknowledge the disaster of contaminated blood and their culpability.

We welcome your offer to change the narrative and work collaboratively to utilise the remaining funds. To this end the signatories are requesting the audited accounts of the MFT monies from transfer to THT to date, in order to see where funds have been directed and what remaining funds are available. And following receipt of the audited accounts a meeting is scheduled to discuss next steps with the Chairs of all the organisations present.

Yours sincerely

The Haemophilia Society UK, Haemophilia Scotland, Haemophilia Wales, Haemophilia NI, Birchgrove Group, Positive Women, Tainted Blood