## **Infected Blood Compensation Study**

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Dear Sophia,

## Infected Blood Compensation Framework Study - confirmation of publication of the final version of the report by Sir Robert Francis QC

Further to your letter of 1 June 2022, and your follow up email of today, and separately from my formal written response to the Inquiry's Rule 9 request which I submitted on 10 June, I am writing with regard to the version of my report which was recently published by the government.

I can confirm, as requested, that the version of my report, "*Compensation and Redress for the Victims of Infected Blood - Recommendations for a Framework*", published by the government on 7 June 2022 (which can be found on Gov.UK, here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/compensation-and-redress-for-the-victims-of-infected-blood-recommendations-for-a-framework</u>) is the complete and accurate final version of my report.

I can also confirm, subject to some very minor, non-textual amendments made by the Study subsequently, that the version published by the Government is the version provided by me to the Paymaster General on 14 March 2022. For the record, the minor amendments between the two versions are: removal of a watermark denoting confidentiality; darkening of the page numbering font, which on printed paper copies was difficult to read; moving the section which collates all of my individual recommendations together forward from the end of the report to behind the Executive Summary; and adding individual paragraph numbering.

I hope the above confirmation and assurance is suitably sufficient for the Inquiry's needs, but I am sure you will revert to me if there is any further assistance I can give.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Robert Francis QC** Chair to the Infected Blood Compensation Study