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**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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# NHS: Contaminated Blood Products

House of Lords written question – answered on 16th March 2006  
(/wrans/?d=2006-03-16).



Lord Morris of Manchester

Labour

asked Her Majesty's Government:

Further to the Written Answer by the Lord Warner ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord\\_Warner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord_Warner)) on 27 February (WA 26 ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WA\\_26](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WA_26))), on what dates documents dealing with contaminated National Health Service ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Health\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Health_Service)) blood products were destroyed in error in the early 1990s; and

Further to the Written Answer by the Lord Warner on 27 February (WA 26), whether any action was taken after papers used in the HIV (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HIV>) litigation were destroyed in error in the early 1990s to prevent further erroneous destruction in the future; and, if so, why that did not prevent the subsequent destruction of papers between July 1994 and March 1998; and

Further to the Written Answer by the Lord Warner on 27 February (WA 26), whether papers relating to any other National Health Service policy areas were destroyed erroneously in the 1990s.

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Lord Warner

Minister of State (NHS Delivery), Department of Health, Minister of State (Department of Health) (NHS Delivery)

The precise date of the destruction of documents on contaminated blood products in the early 1990s is not known.

The Department of Health ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department\\_of\\_Health](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department_of_Health)) carried out a major awareness programme on records management in 1993 to 1995, producing new guidance and introducing a departmental records management audit programme. The subsequent introduction of electronic records management to the department has involved further improvements in guidance and support, emphasising the need for careful attention when managing records.

The department has no evidence that records relating to National Health Service ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Health\\_Service](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Health_Service)) policy areas other than blood products were destroyed erroneously in the 1990s.

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