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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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GRO-A








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Thanks GRO-A we're doing our best, do you still have any of your Fathers paperwork? The current staff seem to be very cagey over what they hold, I'm just concerned about things being left behind

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Dear Jason, Unfortunately I burnt most of his papers last winter - I had no idea that there was the possibility of a Public Inquiry. The HS wanted me to hand over the papers to them but I did not feel happy about doing as I felt they should have asked my father for them while he was still alive. I do not know how good the HS records are - my father was after some correspondence from Dr Owen for the Archer Inquiry and they were unable to provide it. Any papers my father had were copies of the HS records and of course he had a lot of personal correspondence which were not for the public domain because he took a lot of funerals and spent a lot of time with those affected when they were so poorly. The HS have told me they have all the minutes. I worked for my father from about 1985 onwards. I was working in the City at the time but GRO-A became very poorly and I felt working for my father I would have some flexibility. GRO-A in fact, I have never worked so hard the administration for setting up the Macfarlane Trust, the HS and World Federation of Hemophilia and the Church was enormous. That is only to explain that I was around at the crucial time but David Watters from the HS, who was an excellent administrator, kept all the important records. Obviously, when the Inquiry was announced no further papers were destroyed but I shall have to look through them to see if there is anything relevant. Over the years my father had meetings with various Health Ministers Dr Owen, Virginia Bottomley, Kenneth Clarke, Edwina Currie when they were trying to get the initial settlement when the Government was so intransigent (can't spell!) and then for the top ups. Sorry this seems so rambling. GRO-A x

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ps please be assured I am not a cuckoo in the nest! My father was aware a lot of people had a problem with the HS and it was why he organised the Thanksgiving Service personally for 25 years. I see you are trying to reach people to tell them about the Inquiry and litigation - I do have an old list of names for the Service if there was some way I could send them a note, which did not mention haemophilia and contaminated blood in case it is opened by the wrong people, I would be happy to do so. We did circulate about the Skipton payments and picked up a few people who knew nothing about it. The Macfarlane Trust has told me their list is out of date now. GRO-A

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