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The decision to compensate those haemophiliacs who suffer from HIV was one of your earliest decisions as Prime Minister. Subsequently you received a deputation of Conservative MPs and agreed to widen this compensation to include a further 70 or so individuals who were similarly infected with the HIV virus but who were not haemophiliacs.

There is now an allied but similar problem. There are some 3,000 haemophiliacs who have been infected by the Hepatitis C virus as a result of being treated with infected blood products. Of these some 600 will die and over 50 have already died. This has resulted in the anomaly that those haemophiliacs who have died through HIV have been compensated whilst those who have died through HCV have received nothing. This is we believe unacceptable.

We should therefore be most grateful if you would receive a small delegation of concerned Conservative Members to discuss this issue.

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