

Health or Wealth? Part 2

Jane Kennedy

1992 – 2010

Labour

Tony Blair



Jane Kennedy

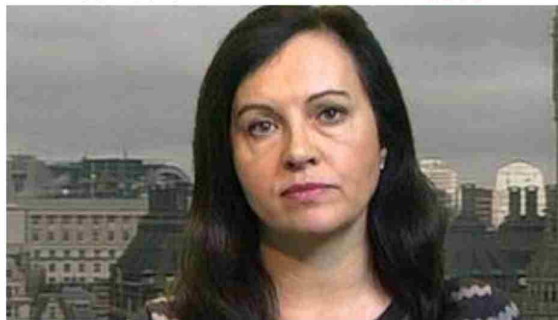
Jane Kennedy supported Lord Morris of Manchester in his **Early Day Motion 3: Haemophilia and Hepatitis C, in 1995**

Caroline Flint

1997 – Incumbent

Labour

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Caroline Flint

2006, 19 April - Caroline Flint MP - Announcement of the Continuation of Recombinant For All

At a reception hosted by Lord Morris of Manchester in the House of Lords, the Minister of State for Public Health, Caroline Flint MP, announces in a speech that 'recombinant for all' will continue in 2006-7.

Note: The speech contains no mention of the **'behind-the-scenes'** perspective of Dr Charles RM Hay, chairman of the UKHCDO, who in correspondence to William Connon, expresses fears of considerable patient protest and in particular, states that he hopes **"DoH will look upon your bid for recombinant financing favourably, because the alternative is almost too awful to contemplate"**.

Taken from Wikipedia – Factor 8: The Arkansas Prison Blood Scandal, by Kelly Duda

The UK Public Health Minister, Caroline Flint, has said: **"We are aware that during the 1970s and 80s blood products were sourced from US prisoners"** and the UK Haemophilia Society has called for a Public Inquiry. The UK Government maintains that the Government of the day had acted in good faith and without the blood products many patients would have died.

In a letter to Lord Jenkin of Roding the Chief Executive of the [National Health Service](#) (NHS) informed Lord Jenkin that most files on contaminated NHS blood products which infected people with [HIV](#) and hepatitis C had unfortunately been destroyed "*in error*". Fortunately, copies that were taken by legal entities in the UK at the time of previous litigation may mean the documentation can be retrieved and consequently assessed.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Factor_8:_The_Arkansas_Prison_Blood_Scandal

Factor 8 – You Tube Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77sEZYPxI18>



Kelly Duda – Factor 8 Film Maker

4 May 2006 : Column 1768W

HEALTH

Blood Products

Jenny Willott: To ask the Secretary of State for Health whether her Department has carried out an internal review into the use of blood and plasma products infected with HIV and hepatitis C; and if she will make a statement. [65513]

Caroline Flint: The Department has not carried out an internal review into the use of blood and plasma products infected with HIV and hepatitis C. However, on 27 February the Department published a report, 'Self-Sufficiency in Blood Products in England and Wales'. This report was the result of an internal review of papers on self-sufficiency in blood products.

The review was commissioned following suggestions that the policy of self-sufficiency in blood products during the 1970's and early 1980's might have prevented haemophilia patients being treated with infected blood products. The report makes clear that self-sufficiency in blood products would not have prevented the infection of haemophilia patients.

2006, 23 May - Caroline Flint MP - Documents Destroyed In Error - Internal Investigation

Caroline Flint: "During the HIV litigation many papers were recalled, and following that we understand papers were not adequately archived and were unfortunately destroyed in error. Officials subsequently established during the hepatitis C litigation that documents relating to the Advisory Committee on the Virological Safety of Blood between 1989 and 1992 had been destroyed in error. Following this discovery, an internal investigation was undertaken in April 2000 by the Department's Internal Audit."

Note: With regard to the "Hepatitis C Litigation", persons with haemophilia were excluded from these Consumer Protection Act (CPA) cases because the legal profession assumed that our hepatitis C infection occurred before product liability was absorbed into the Consumer Protection Act in 1987/88.

2006, 7 June - Confusion Over Total Amount Already Paid Via the Macfarlane & Eileen Trusts

In a Written Answer of Wednesday, 7 June 2006, with the subject heading HIV/AIDS (Blood Transfusions), there appears to be some confusion over the total amount already paid via the Macfarlane (MFT) and Eileen Trusts:

Pete Wishart (Perth & Perthshire North, Scottish National Party): To ask the Secretary of State for Health how much compensation has been paid by the UK Government to those who contracted HIV through blood transfusions. [74297]

Caroline Flint (then Minister of State for Public Health, DOH): Up to March 2006, the United Kingdom Government have distributed a total of £39,787,617 via the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts, to those who contracted HIV infection from blood transfusions or from treatment with blood products.

Note: We have to take issue with the above use of the word 'compensation'. No 'compensation' has ever been paid - that would require an acceptance of liability as compensation schemes tend to arise in circumstances where responsibility has been admitted.

Background: We have to wonder whether the DOH are confused and ignorant as to how much the Trusts have received over the years. On 10th April 2003, Mr Hutton quoted £42 million as a total figure: "The Government originally paid £42 million to a trust from which payments are made to haemophiliacs infected with HIV virus". Why then, over 3 years later, do we find a discrepancy of over 2 million?

Note: The Department goes to great pains to portray that they have every sympathy with our position, however, their SINCERITY is perhaps questionable when they appear to have no idea how much they've paid out and that they regard the matter of contaminated blood as having been dealt with legally; as demonstrated to us by their belief that the haemophilia community has received 'compensation'.

2007, 9 January - Jenny Willott MP - All MPs Should Support Haemophiliacs Last Gasp For the Truth

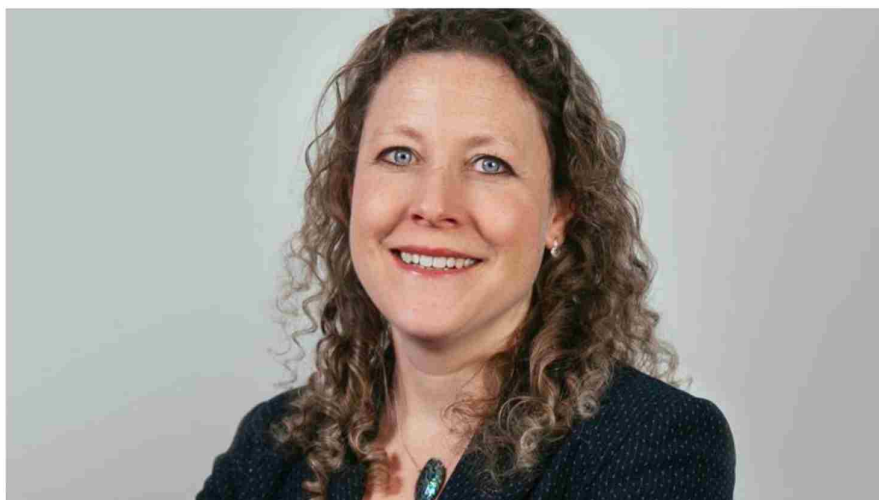
Today, Jenny Willott, Welsh Liberal Democrat MP for Cardiff Central highlighted the extent of HIV infection amongst haemophiliacs in the UK. Every MP in the UK is likely to have a constituent who was infected with HIV or Hepatitis C after using contaminated NHS blood products between 1979 and 1985.

She urged all MPs to support her Early Day Motion calling for an independent public inquiry to discover the full facts of the case.

Recent figures have revealed that out of over 4,865 haemophiliacs infected with Hepatitis C, 2,357 have died. Of the 1,200 who also contracted HIV, 839 have died. According to research by the Haemophilia Society, every MP is likely to have at least one constituent affected by this issue who is still alive.

Commenting, Jenny said:

<http://jennywillott.com/en/article/2007/0118327/all-mps-should-support-haemophiliacs-last-gasp-for-the-truth>



Jenny Willott

5 Mar 2007 : Column 1668W

Blood: Haemophilia

Jenny Willott: To ask the Secretary of State for Health when the first adverse liver result related to the use of blood products with haemophilia was reported under the terms of the Medicines Act 1968 and subsequent legislation; and if she will make a statement. [119893]

Caroline Flint: Reports of adverse reactions to medicines are collated by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) through the voluntary spontaneous reporting scheme, the yellow card scheme.

The first report of hepatitis (liver inflammation) associated with the use of a factor VIII product was received by the MHRA via the yellow card scheme in 1976.

Before 1986, some blood clotting factor preparations were contaminated with hepatitis C virus, because blood clotting factors were derived from pooled blood received from many different blood donors. Some people with haemophilia who received blood clotting factor concentrates before 1986 were infected with the hepatitis C virus. However, commercial heat-treated factor VIII products became widely available in 1984 and from the beginning of 1986 all commercial factor VIII products authorised for use in the United Kingdom were made from screened plasma and heat treated to prevent transmission of hepatitis and HIV viruses.

26 Jun 2007 : Column 610W

Blood: CJD

Jenny Willott: To ask the Secretary of State for Health pursuant to the answer of 14 June 2007 to question 142988, what the batch numbers were that were provided to NHS trusts, primary care trusts and to the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation. [145747]

Caroline Flint: Details of the implicated batch numbers were provided by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) to the United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Doctors Organisation who wrote to all Haemophilia centre clinicians so that they could inform patients about their individual risk status. The HPA also provided the batch numbers to national health service trusts and primary care trusts for information.

Each patient was asked to indicate whether or not they wished to know if they had received an implicated batch, and informed according to their wishes. As some patients indicated through their clinicians that they do not wish to be informed, it would be inappropriate to publish full details of batch numbers.

Ann Keen

1997 – 2010

Labour

Gordon Brown



Ann Keen

Gillian Merron provided answers on the floor of the House on behalf of the Minister, Ann Keen.

Dawn Primarolo

2007 -2009

Labour

Gordon Brown



Dawn Primarolo

**Dawn Primarolo - Taken from Hansard:
20 May 2009 : Column 81WS**

I am today publishing the Government's response to Lord Archer's independent inquiry report on NHS supplied contaminated blood and blood products.

I thank Lord Archer for his very thorough report. The Government have the greatest sympathy for those who have been affected, and deeply regret that these events came about following NHS treatment.

I have carefully considered the recommendations of Lord Archer, particularly relating to payments for infected individuals and their families. My full response details the action we are taking, but I want to highlight the following points.

The Macfarlane Trust and Eileen Trust provide ex gratia lump sum and discretionary payments to, respectively, haemophiliacs and others, who contracted [HIV](#) from infected blood and blood products, and their dependents. Over £45million has been paid out to date and there are currently around 600 beneficiaries.

I recognise Lord Archer's concern about financial relief. I therefore intend to increase the funding available to the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts to allow them to move to a system of annual payments for infected individuals. The current average annual payment is around £6,400. I intend that in future payments of £12,800 per annum would be made to each infected individual, thus eliminating the need for them to make repeated detailed applications. I will also increase the funding available to the trusts so that the trustees can make higher payments to dependents. Payment to dependents will continue to be decided on a case-by-case basis—and left to the decision of the trustees.

The Skipton Fund provides lump sum payments to people infected with hepatitis C from infected blood and blood products. To date £97million has been paid out to over 4000 individuals.

The Skipton Fund will continue to make payments to people infected with hepatitis C and I commit to reviewing it in 2014 when the fund will have been in existence for ten years.

I understand Lord Archer's desire to establish a committee by statute to advise Government on the management of haemophilia in the United Kingdom. My view is that it is better to build on existing arrangements and expertise, rather than risk disrupting or duplicating those arrangements via legislation.

I have therefore decided instead to invite the Haemophilia Alliance, which comprises patients, haemophilia doctors, and others involved in their care, to meet with Government twice yearly. The Department of Health will host these meetings and representatives from the Health Departments in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland will be invited to participate in this new formal arrangement.

I will also commit £100,000 per annum funding to the Haemophilia Society over the next five years.

Measures are already in place to help to prevent similar events from happening in the future. The Government receive expert advice on safety measures from the independent advisory committee on the safety of blood tissues and organs (SaBTO), and NHS Blood and Transplant is responsible for ensuring a safe and sufficient supply of blood to England and Wales. I will also ensure strong links are made between SaBTO and the Alliance.

The full response to Lord Archer's report has been placed in the [Library of the House](#) and copies are available to hon. Members from the Vote Office.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmhansrd/cm090520/wmstext/90520m0001.htm#09052041000044>



Gillian Merron

1997 – 2010

Labour

Gordon Brown



Gillian Merron

Name and Shame TB Thread

http://www.taintedblood.info/blog.php?mode=read&thread_id=534&topic_id=9

2009, Wednesday 1 April – The Guardian Newspaper

Blood scandal officials may be forced to testify

By Severin Carrell, Scotland Correspondent

Penrose said he and his team were aware their work "touches individuals and families who have suffered and continue to suffer, physically, mentally and emotionally [from] the consequences of treatment they were entitled to trust."

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk/2009/apr/01/scotland-health-contaminated-blood-scandal>

2009, Wednesday 1 April – The Scotsman

Inquiry into infected blood scandal will "name names" of those to blame

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/health/inquiry-into-infected-blood-scandal-will-name-names-of-those-to-blame-1-1032349>

2009, Monday 19 October

Tainted Blood News – Haemophilia Society pulls out of meeting

<http://www.taintedblood.info/news.php?mode=article&newsid=97>

2010, Disability News Service

Blood campaigners attack government's 'cheap initiative'

<http://www.disabilitynewsservice.com/blood-campaigners-attack-governments-cheap-initiative/>

Watts what...

Time running out for haemophiliacs' bill

Health Minister Gillian Merron has offered to meet the sponsor of a private members' bill on contaminated blood as the bill ran out of parliamentary time for a second time this afternoon.

Haemophilia

Mr. Charles Kennedy: To ask the Secretary of State for Health (1) how many tissue or blood samples taken from UK haemophiliacs in the last three years are held by the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit; [292343]

(2) how many tissue or blood samples taken from UK haemophiliacs who are deceased are held by the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit; [292344]

(3) how many tissue or blood samples taken from UK haemophiliacs and held by the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit have been tested to date. [292345]

Gillian Merron: In the past three years (January 2006 to date), as part of an ethically approved surveillance study, the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit (NCJDSU) has received and tested 252 tissue samples from 12 patients with haemophilia for the presence of disease-associated protein. Of these 15 tissue samples were from five living people, and 237 tissue samples from seven deceased people. All samples were tested, and all samples had consent prior to them being sent to the NCJDSU for testing. No blood samples were received or tested.

14 Oct 2009 : Column 901W

To date, in total the NCJDSU holds 372 tissue, and no blood, samples from a total of 12 deceased patients with haemophilia.

All samples received by the NCJDSU have been tested.

Mr. Charles Kennedy: To ask the Secretary of State for Health whether tissue or blood samples taken from UK haemophiliacs, and held as library samples, have been tested for the presence of the PA virus in the last three years. [292347]

Gillian Merron: There have been no known such tests.

Mr. Charles Kennedy: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what recent advice his Department has sought on individual haemophiliacs' unique experience of multiple virus exposure, and its consequences for their health and treatment. [292348]

Gillian Merron: In the past year departmental officials have met with officials of the Haemophilia Society and, separately, with representatives of the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation. Haemophilia patients' experience of multiple virus exposure was discussed at some of these meetings.

Haemophilia

Mr. Charles Kennedy: To ask the Secretary of State for Health pursuant to the answer of 14 October 2009, *Official Report*, column 900W, on haemophilia, what assessment his Department has made of the pathogenic effect of multiple virus exposure on haemophiliacs; and if he will make a statement. [296896]

Gillian Merron: The Department has made no such assessment. However, the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors Organisation ensures that all relevant tests and assessment for transfusion-transmitted infections are offered to haemophilia patients.



Charles Kennedy

Anne Milton

2010 – Incumbent

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David Cameron



Anne Milton

WRITTEN MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Update on the Review of support for those affected by contaminated blood

Tuesday 21 December 2010

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health (Anne Milton): On 14 October 2010, I issued a written ministerial statement, *Official Report*, cols 30-31ws, announcing a review of

aspects of support available to individuals infected with hepatitis C and/or HIV by NHS-supplied blood transfusions or blood products. In that statement, I said I expected to be able to report the outcome of this work and my intentions by the end of 2010. The review has been completed and submitted to Ministers, and I will update the House early in January when I publish the report.

2011, 10 January

Andrew Lansley, Secretary of State for Health, made a statement to the House of Commons on Monday 10 January on patients who contracted Hepatitis C and HIV from NHS blood and blood products during the 1970s and 1980s.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2011/january/statement-on-contaminated-blood/>

Taintedblood Initial Response to Government Review of Support announced 10th January 2011

<http://www.taintedblood.info/news.php?mode=article&newsid=194>

2011, 7 March – Tainted Blood – Betrayal and Lies

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pbgOHVB5B4

Meeting With Anne Milton, 29th June 2011

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Today, representatives from TaintedBlood, the Haemophilia Society and Manor House Group are meeting in London with the Under Secretary of State for Health, Anne Milton. Unfortunately, **GRO-A** Manor House Group is not able to attend this meeting and **GRO-A** is going in his place. Because his condition as a liver transplantee is similar to that of **GRO-A**, **GRO-A** has stepped aside and **GRO-A** has volunteered to represent TaintedBlood. I have 100% confidence in both **GRO-A** and **GRO-A** who both have many years of campaigning behind them and an in-depth understanding of the subject. **GRO-A** has HCV and received a life-saving liver transplant a few years ago. He lost his brother to HIV and so has a broad understanding of co-infection issues. **GRO-A** is co-infected and has been at the forefront of the campaign for many years.

Also at the meeting will be Chris James from the Haemophilia Society, Charles Gore from the Hepatitis C Trust, and two independent campaigners. We wish them all well.

As the meeting is likely to last less than an hour, the TB committee has produced a background dossier to reinforce the points that TB has been working on, along with MHG and the Haemophilia Society. There is a link to this document below. It will be presented to the Minister at the meeting and discussed as fully as time allows. It will also be sent out to every MP in the country as quickly as we can – hopefully by the end of today. ***We would ask, though, that you download a copy and send it to your own MP, along with your personal thoughts on how the last review affected you and your family.***

Thank you.

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Link to background dossier: <http://www.taintedblood.info/files/1309341588Dossier%20pdf.pdf>

Anna Soubry

2010 – Incumbent

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David Cameron



Anna Soubry

Haemophilia
Health

Jim Cunningham (Coventry South, Labour) To ask the Secretary of State for Health

(1) whether the Government accepts a responsibility to provide financial support to people with haemophilia who suffered viral contamination from blood products in the 1970s and 1980s;

(2) if he will consider establishing a public inquiry into the circumstances which resulted in the viral contamination from blood products to patients with haemophilia in the 1970s and 1980s.

Anna Soubry (Broxtowe, Conservative)

In recognition at the time of the unique position of haemophiliacs infected with HIV through treatment with blood and blood products supplied by the national health service, the Government funded an ex gratia financial support package in the late 1980s. The system of financial support has since been extended and improved by successive governments, including to people infected with hepatitis C. In January 2011, this Government announced significant improvements to the financial support available to those with hepatitis C, following a review of the scientific and clinical evidence.

All relevant facts relating to NHS-supplied contaminated blood or blood products in England are in the public domain and documents held by the Department on blood safety from 1970-1985 are available on the Department's website, at:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/FreedomOfInformation/Fr...OIreleases/DH_076693

It has therefore been the view of successive governments that after all this time, there is no justification for a public inquiry.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/FreedomOfInformation/Fr...OIreleases/DH_076693
www.dh.gov.uk

More Questions and Answers from the House, by Anna Soubry can be found on the TB website.
Political issues - Questions and Answers in the House:

Jane Ellison

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Jeremy Hunt – SoS

Jane Ellison

Dan Poulter - DoH

Westminster Hall

Tuesday 29 October 2013

[Jim Dobbin in the Chair]

Hepatitis C (Haemophiliacs)

Paul Goggins (Wythenshawe and Sale East) (Lab): I am grateful to have the opportunity once again to draw the attention of the House and of Ministers to the injustice that still faces those who in the 1970s and 1980s became infected as a result of treatment with contaminated blood products.

Let me say at the outset that, although I seek in this debate to highlight the particular issues and concerns of those with haemophilia who were infected with hepatitis C, I recognise, of course, that the issues affect others beyond that group. Many haemophiliacs received other infections, HIV in particular, and some were dual-infected with HIV and hepatitis C. Others were multi-infected by the range of other viruses to which they were exposed. Some haemophiliacs were treated with blood taken from donors who later died from CJD. Others did not have haemophilia, but were none the less infected as a result of their NHS treatment. I am sure that some who contribute to the debate later will refer to the experience of those who have been affected in those other ways, and a number of points I will make will have a broader relevance to those people's situations.

To watch this debate in full: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZxI7p2X4Xc>



Paul Goggins
16th June 1953 – 7th January 2014

Contaminated Blood Debate - House of Commons - Thursday 15th January 2015

This is the full, unedited three hour backbench debate, as secured by Alistair Burt MP - North East Bedfordshire (Cons)

To watch this debate in full: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZSNB_EqNcE

Party Leaders



David Cameron



2015, Wednesday 11th March - During Prime Ministers questions.
The Prime Minister, David Cameron said:

"Let me first pay tribute to my right hon. Friend for leading on this issue. I suspect that, like me, every Member of Parliament has heard moving stories at their surgeries from constituents who have hepatitis C or HIV because of contaminated blood. It is right to wait for the Penrose inquiry. Let me make it clear that that is not an excuse, because I want us to take action. I am not sure whether that action will ever fully satisfy those who want this wrong to be righted, but as a wealthy and successful country we should be helping these people more. We will help them more, but we need Penrose first, and if I am standing here after the next election it will be done."



Ed Milliband



To date, Mr Milliband has not replied to any letters written to him by Tainted Blood, since he became Labour Party Leader.



Nick Clegg



In their 2010 Election Manifesto the Liberal Democrats said:

"It is deeply disappointing that the Government has failed to provide adequate support for those affected by the contamination of blood products with HIV. A Liberal Democrat government will establish a working group involving patient groups to determine appropriate levels of financial assistance"

Part two of “Health or Wealth?” Continues from 2004 to present day, highlighting one very sobering thought, which is a sad reflection on the British establishment.

As you read these final words, there have been many influential people who have presided over the suffering inflicted upon the Haemophilia Community. These include:

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| Eight (8) | Prime Ministers |
| Twenty (20) | Health Secretaries |
| At least Twenty Four (24) | Ministers in the Department of Health |

With countless Civil Servants working away in the background unchallenged by changes of party colours in power or the Ministers they had to brief. Too many years of tragedy, cover ups, lies, and justice denied, leaving thousands of lives destroyed, we must again wait, for the ninth (9th) Prime Minister, twenty first (21) Health Secretary and maybe twenty sixth or seventh (26th / 27th) Minister to finally bring us closure.

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