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Dear Ms Deacon

I am writing once again, not only to reiterate my request for an urgent meeting to discuss the shortcomings of the inquiry held into hepatitis C and Scottish produced blood products, but also to raise the issue of potentially inappropriate treatment of people with haemophilia with imported blood products from overseas.

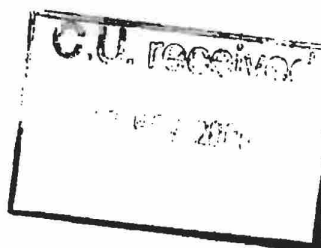
I understand that commercially produced clotting factors that were not treated to inactivate blood borne viruses were prescribed to patients as late as 1988 in Scotland and the rest of the UK, which means that a significant number of people could have been infected with hepatitis C up to a year after Scottish blood products were being treated to inactivate the virus.

I urgently request that we meet to discuss this situation and the establishment of a full public inquiry to cover not only the ground that was incompletely covered in your internal inquiry into Scottish blood products but also to examine why these unsafe blood products were prescribed for the treatment of people with haemophilia even after safer alternatives were available.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Keel

You will wish to see the latest letter from the Haemophilia Society. Any comments? I am still awaiting a response to her earlier letter requesting a meeting.



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