



**"Re: Question Time - contaminated blood products"**

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 Re: Question

Dani,

Who was this email from please?

Jacky Buchan  
 Assistant Private Secretary  
 to Caroline Flint MP  
 Minister of State for Public Health

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09/05/2007 12:38

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William

Jacky

Question Time -

William,

Please could you provide lines to take for SofS to respond to the following email:

On Question Time (Thursday, 26th April), Caroline Flint, Health Minister, stated quite clearly that: "if you make an allegation, back it up with evidence and we'll investigate". This may sound straightforward, however, it should be said that there is a problem with this procedure, in that the burden to present compelling evidence seems to be required prior to any inquiry taking place. Caroline Flint went on to say: "I think you need to have the evidence to put forward, to, I think have an inquiry because I think there is a problem of people just asking for inquiries on the basis of speculation...".

It is clear that the Department of Health are rather fond of hiding behind this Catch-22-style situation and they have been known to help perpetuate this by withholding key evidence required by the haemophiliac community infected with HIV and Hepatitis C after receiving contaminated blood products under the NHS. How can there ever be a Government-initiated Inquiry into the contaminated blood catastrophe when the evidence required to provoke such an Inquiry is still being suppressed?

A considerable amount of documentation has been released under the Freedom of Information Act and contained within this material was more than enough damning evidence which the Department of Health should surely have been privy to over the years, and particularly since July 2006.

Speculation aside, infected and affected persons with haemophilia have issued a sharp accusation-based polemic against the Government, the DoH and the medical profession, yet, despite thoroughly backing-up such allegations with empirical evidence the DoH remains silent. Copies of 'Tainted Blood's 'Accusations Documents' were sent to most senior officials at the Department of Health and we also know that a copy was forwarded to you from the Private Office of Her Majesty The Queen. Do you think it is fair or courteous not to respond?

I now urge the Secretary of State for Health to make an immediate statement, followed by expeditious action; whether in the form of a Government Inquiry, criminal prosecutions or other remedial measures.

**Background is that SofS did Question Time last week and promised to respond to all emails addressed to her following that programme.**

**Please could you get something back to me by 4pm today. Sorry for tight deadline. Email was only received last night and SofS wants to respond tomorrow lunchtime.**

Thanks

Dani

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Dani Lee

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Re: Newsnight

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