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TITLE: Request for a meeting
CORRESPONDENT: Karin Pappenheim, Chief Executive

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ADVICE

1. We recommend that Lady Hayman agrees to this request to meet the Haemophilia Society. They are a major charitable body.
2. The Haemophilia Society met the Secretary of State in September 1997 and throughout the following 7 months pursued their campaign for a special payment scheme for haemophiliacs infected with hepatitis C through NHS treatment. Their request was turned down in July 1998.
3. The campaign is currently being renewed and the Haemophilia Society are challenging each of the points given by Frank Dobson in his letter of 28 July through PQ's and correspondence. They are also requesting a public enquiry.
3. At the time the special payments request was turned down, conditional support for a project grant was offered, and Secretary of State has now agreed this. The first monies are now being paid (overall sum of £82,677.00). The Hepatitis C Youth Information and Support Project aims to empower young people to make informed choices about their lives and encourage them to take an active role in shaping their own future. In particular to offer support on issues such as relationships, starting a family, employment, education and discrimination.
5. Thus the relationship with the Society is a mixed one. We wish to be supportive of their Youth Information and Support Project and we feel that generally a meeting between lady Hayman and the Society would be helpful.

Minister,

Official advice is to accept
this invitation.

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