



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Mrs Colette Wintle

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Thank you for the letter that you sent to me at the end of May on Haemophilia issues.

I was sorry to read about your recent family bereavement and ill health and hope that things are beginning to pick up for you and your family now.

Thank you for the questions that you have sent me for tabling. The Table Office has very strict rules about what can and cannot be tabled, and so I have taken the liberty of amending them slightly in order to be able to table them.

I will therefore shortly be tabling the following:

To ask the Secretary of State for Health what action his department is taking to ensure that patients are given full access to their medical records in light of recent US litigation against plasma companies, and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health what action his department is taking against Hospital Trusts who fail to keep the records of patients with lifelong conditions for the required period after their deaths, and if he will make a statement.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health to report back on progress being made by his department into investigating the pulping of the public health files compiled by Lord Owen during his time as Health Minister.

I appreciate your efforts in keeping me up-to-date on this issue. I will let you know as soon as I hear back on these questions.

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Brian Cotter MP