

Witness Name: Andrew Michael March

Statement No: WITN1369064

Exhibits: WITN1369065-83

Dated: May 2021

**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

---

**EXHIBIT WITN1369077**

---

GRO-C

London

GRO-C

30 May 2012

Martin Harvey  
Chief Executive  
The Macfarlane Trust  
Alliance House  
12 Caxton Street  
London  
SW1H 0QS

Dear Martin,

I do not appear to have received a response to my letter of 18 April 2012.

I would like to ask if you will answer these questions, please:

- With regard to the reserves fund, is it correct that although the MFT is a charity run at arm's length by the Trustees, any proposal for how the reserve funds can be disbursed, in the end, these funds will in fact need to be signed off by a Minister at the DOH?
- Do the reserves funds constitute MFT charity funds or are they still deemed funds belonging to Government?
- Was there an understanding with the Blood Policy Division of the DOH that the MFT were to go away and work up a suitable proposal to go back to the department with nearer the Autumn of 2012? If not, when were government expecting the MFT to respond with a proposal for the reserves?
- When does the MFT plan to sign the contracts with the group (=MC) who will be tasked with conducting the home visits?

With regard to the fourth question above, if the point at which you plan to sign a contract for the involvement of the group =MC just happens to be prior to the promised meeting of the MFT and beneficiaries on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, then could I please ask that any planned signing of these contracts be delayed until we have at least had our meeting.

I am sure you will see that this request for delay is only fair in light of the promised meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew March

GRO-C