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Dear Caroline,

We refer to the letter of 23 July to Jackie Doyle-Price from David Liddington, the then Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, concerning the parity of payments for those infected and/or affected by contaminated blood.

This letter follows the meeting of UK Ministers and a representative from Northern Ireland to discuss the issue of parity for those involved in our support schemes. At the meeting it was agreed that your predecessor would work with Westminster colleagues to address the need for additional funds to allow for a first step in the parity issue.

The statement made on 4 September by the Chancellor, however, did not mention any additional funding for this issue in Wales. This was very disappointing, given that this problem pre-dates devolution and the letter of 23 July gave assurance that there would be consideration of an equitable share in funding, to provide for parity across the four UK support schemes.

We urge you therefore to reconsider the issue and provide the funding necessary to enable us to work towards parity in the support provided to those infected and/or affected across the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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