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HIV/AIDS TREATMENT COSTS

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257 To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate he has made of the cost to the NHS of providing treatment for (a) HIV/AIDS and (b) hepatitis C to haemophiliacs infected as a result of receiving contaminated blood products under NHS treatment (i) per person and (ii) in each year since 2000; and if he will make a statement. [213602]

259 To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what estimate the Department has made of the cost of supporting (a) haemophiliacs and (b) dependants of haemophiliacs infected with (i) HIV and (ii) hepatitis C as a result of contaminated blood products administered to them under NHS treatment (A) in total and (B) in each of the next 10 years; and if he will make a statement. [213608]

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The Department has not undertaken an assessment of the costs of providing HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C treatment to haemophiliacs infected as a result of receiving contaminated blood.

An estimated £50 million has been paid through the Skipton Fund to support patients with haemophilia infected with hepatitis C. Of these payments, in up to 50 cases, payments were made to dependants.

Patients and dependants of patients who were infected with HIV do receive support from the Macfarlane Trust. Information is not available on the cost of supporting these dependants.