

Dear (M.P. name)

----- who suffered from Haemophilia died September 1994 of Liver Cancer after being infected with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV).

----- was one of three brothers with Haemophilia who was infected with HCV through receiving contaminated blood clotting concentrates as part of his N.H.S. treatment. His two brothers died from a HIV related illness after being infected with the same contaminated blood clotting concentrate as part of their N.H.S. treatment. The suffering that all three brothers had to bear was equal.

I/we ask you to give your support to the Haemophilia Society in their Hepatitis C campaign and feel that the government must see that there is a moral case for providing financial recompense to those infected with HCV. There are many similarities between infection with HIV and infection with HCV, yet those infected with HCV currently receive nothing.

The Society is therefore calling on the Government to provide :

- 1) An across the board ex-gratia payment to all those with Haemophilia infected with HCV.
- 2) Access to a hardship fund for those who become ill and the dependents of those who die.
- 3) As a matter of urgency, payments to those who are already ill and the dependents of those who have died.
- 4) Adequate resources for research into the prognosis and treatment of HCV.

So for this family and for other families who are in this position or who could find themselves in this position in the future, on their behalf I/we ask that you give the Haemophilia Society your support.

Yours sincerely

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