

From: gregmurph [REDACTED]

Subject: Haemophiliacs - Archer Inquiry

Date: 20 May 2009 at 17:00:19

To: David CAMERON [REDACTED]

Dear Lara,

In light of our previous correspondence (particularly the last two paragraphs of your response to me on October 14th) may I ask you now as to what Mr Cameron's response is to 1) the Archer Inquiry findings; and 2) the hugely unsatisfactory response issued by the Department of Health today.

I particularly would like to know what Mr Cameron feels about the fact the government has again seen fit to ignore the plight of my late father (an HIV negative but Hepatitis A,B and C positive haemophiliac who was infected through contaminated NHS blood products) and the financial straits that my widowed mother has experienced for 15 years.

As a reminder, I enclose this brief synopsis of the reality concerning my father and mother.

I would especially ask as to why my father is being treated differently to his two other deceased haemophiliac brothers whose families have received some, albeit derisory, modicum of recompense, just because he contracted Hepatitis C and they contracted HIV?

They all died anyway.

SYNOPSIS:

Mr William Murphy (GRO-C 1934 - 3rd September 1994)

A severe haemophilia A sufferer. Infected, through contaminated NHS administered blood products, with Hepatitis A, B and C.

He courageously battled liver cancer, cirrhosis, splenomegaly, ascites, oesophageal varices, encephalitis, psoriasis, styes, digestive chaos, skin ulcers, spontaneous oral bleeds, physical disfigurement, all-consuming fatigue and the most undignified death episode imaginable spent partly on a make-do shift-bed in a temporary, half-cemented, building-debris-strewn emergency ward in the Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

He retired through ill-health, leaving a decimated pension, without eligibility for life insurance or mortgage protection and he bequeathed his widow, then 56, a future not only minus his own meagre salary but also minus her own due to her retirement from ill-health brought-on by years of stress and so provided for her absolutely no financial security whatsoever.

Condemning his widow, now 71, to a future of loans, re-mortgages and penny-pinching, his greatest "failing" was that he didn't have the foresight - unlike his two other haemophiliac brothers - to contract a different, equally fatal and hideous disease (namely HIV) and so at least be able to provide an insulting, derisory modicum of government-provided finance for her future wellbeing. They all died anyway, so what did it matter what of?

William Murphy. His life wasn't worth a penny when he died in 1994.

Fifteen years later, according to Her Majesty's Government, it still isn't.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Murphy.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gregory Murphy [REDACTED]
Date: 14 October 2008 15:20:46 BST
To: "CAMERON, David" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Concerning the Alan Johnson "die with dignity" anecdote in your speech

Dear Lara,

Many thanks for your response. It is much appreciated.

Just a note regarding the Independent Public Inquiry you refer to: its very first witnesses (day one, minute one) were my mother, my sister and I.

It is good to know that the Conservatives will be paying close attention to the findings when published.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gregory W. Murphy

On 14 Oct 2008, at 11:42, CAMERON, David wrote:

Dear Mr Murphy,

I am writing on behalf of David Cameron to thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry for the delay in my reply.

We are grateful to you for taking the time and trouble to get in touch, and I know that David would want me to pass on his sympathies for the sad loss of your father.

As you know, thousands of patients were exposed to hepatitis and/or HIV as a result of contaminated NHS blood and blood products, with over 1700 of those patients having died since being infected and many more left terminally ill.

In February 2007, the Independent Public Inquiry into the supply of contaminated NHS blood was announced. The Inquiry has been privately funded and is headed by former Solicitor General, Lord Archer of Sandwell. It opened in April and is considering how more than 4,700 people with haemophilia were infected with hepatitis C, and over 1200 with HIV, through contaminated blood.

The Inquiry is investigating the circumstances surrounding the supply of contaminated NHS blood to patients and the consequences for those affected and their families. Evidence has been heard from those affected directly by contaminated blood and blood products, the scientific community, parliamentarians and campaigners, including the Haemophilia Society. I understand that the Inquiry hopes to publish its report in the coming months.

Conservatives are urging the Government to be open with the Inquiry, and will pay close attention to its findings when published.

Conservatives continue to focus on enabling the NHS to provide the best care for haemophiliacs and others with Hepatitis C and HIV.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Lara Moreno Perez
Office of the Leader of the Opposition



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From: [gregmurph@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:gregmurph@[REDACTED]) [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: 01 October 2008 15:55
To: CAMERON, David
Subject: Concerning the Alan Johnson "die with dignity" anecdote in your speech

Dear Mr Cameron,

I'm sat here watching your speech. It's still on. It's less than 10 minutes since you made the Alan Johnson anecdote.

Well, here's another anecdote. Concerning my father. Who died without dignity under a Tory government 14 years ago.



Who is still being treated with posthumous indignity today.

Are you going to bring this horrendous mess to a conclusion.

The PDF is a few years old now: therein lies the indictment.