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Den M'Evans,

Thank you for your letter of 13 June regarding Sir Robert Francis' recommendations on compensation for those infected by the infected blood scandal. I recognise the particular interest in this issue for Factor 8 and its members.

I would like to emphasise that there is a great deal of complexity to the issues covered in Sir. Robert's study. At present, officials from across Government are conducting a thorough analysis of the report and its recommendations; that analysis requires careful and diligent work given the very many factors that must be taken into account. I should note that Sir. Robert is due to give evidence to the Inquiry on 11 and 12 July. Following his appearance at the Inquiry, officials will also need to factor in his oral evidence as well as the oral evidence of others appearing at the inquiry.

The views of groups such as yours, representing the infected and affected communities, must also be carefully considered, and I am grateful to you for writing to me.

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