



Fwd: FW: Infected Blood Products Memorial

Secretary of State's Office S.40

6 February 2018 at 09:02

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From: **HANCOCK, Matthew** <matt.hancock.mp@GRO-C>

Date: 6 February 2018 at 08:56

Subject: FW: Infected Blood Products Memorial

To: Secretary of State's Office S.40

From: JJ Evans [mailto:contact@GRO-C]**Sent:** 05 February 2018 18:45**To:** S.40 HANCOCK, Matthew <matt.hancock.mp@GRO-C>; S.40**Subject:** RE: Infected Blood Products Memorial

Please see attached today's letter of 5th February re Infected Blood Products Memorial and previous correspondence as mentioned.

JJ Evans

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5th February 2018

RE: INFECTED BLOOD PRODUCTS MEMORIAL

Dear Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP, Rt Hon David Lidington MP & Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP,

On 23rd January I wrote to Digital, Culture, Media & Sport regarding the possibility of a Government funded memorial for the thousands of Haemophiliacs who have died as a result of contaminated blood products.

I was most surprised that the response we received from Tom Pointon simply outlined that this would not be "normal practice" and that perhaps funds for such a venture should be sought from the Private sector.

I can only assume that Mr Pointon has little knowledge of these events and I accept that your department may have had little dealings with this issue. I am copying in this letter to colleagues at DH and the Cabinet Office, might I suggest that officials in your respective departments liaise about this so that everyone is aware of the sensitivities involved around the subject at this time.

I would point out that officials at DH will be acutely aware that the suggestion that funds should be sought from the private sector given the nature of the infected blood tragedy would come across as somewhat outrageous to those affected.

Although I may be looking a little far down the line here, it would be worth saying that funding for this could come from DH given the funds from the sale of BPL which they have confirmed to me as having been received.

Funding aside, it is surely inescapable that the largest loss-of-life incident in this country to happen for 60 years should be acknowledged with a memorial, this would go some way to achieving some sense of acknowledgement for bereaved families. I will not rehearse the history here, however clearly this is an extremely exceptional case and one that merits being funded entirely by the state. The Prime Minister herself has described it recently as "an appalling tragedy that should simply never have happened".

I attach previous correspondence and would welcome your thoughts as to how we can move forward with this?

Yours Sincerely,

Jason J Evans

GRO-C

Founder

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23 January 2018 at 13:42

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From: S.40

Date: 23 January 2018 at 13:04

Subject: Fwd: Haemophilia Tragedy - Memorial - Matt Hancock

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Please could we log for a response. Officials copied in.

Thanks S.40

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Subject: Haemophilia Tragedy - Memorial - Matt Hancock

To: "enquiries@GRO-C" <enquiries@GRO-C>

Dear Matt Hancock,

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6 February 2018 at 12:07

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DH - as you've seen, DCMS has replied in the only we can - we don't decide who should and shouldn't have memorials but can only advise how they might put do it themselves.

He's wanting some kind of recognition of what he regards as a DH mistake, so I think only you can take this one forward, if you choose to.

S.40

DCMS

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Hi S.40

Please use the following for this one.

S.40

'Thank you for your letter of 23rd January to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport about proposals for a memorial for those that died as a result of the 'contaminated blood scandal' in the 1970's. I have been asked to reply.

I should explain that It is not normal practice for central Government to fund new memorials. There is an established tradition of funding new memorials through public subscription. Government supports this and experience has shown that there are often other funders, including the private sector, happy and willing to fund new memorials. As there are a great many people and organisations interested in establishing memorials, as a general rule, it is for those groups to work with the relevant local planning authority and other organisations to identify a suitable site and obtain the necessary planning permissions.

That said, the Government is able to provide some support through the DCMS administered Memorial Grant Scheme. This makes grants towards to the VAT

incurred by charities and faith groups in the construction, repair and maintenance of public memorial structures. The scheme has a fixed budget of £0.5m per year for this spending period. More detail can be found here
- <http://www.memorialgrant.org.uk/>

I'm sorry that I'm unable to provide a more positive response but i hope this is of some assistance.

On 25 January 2018 at 15:09, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on behalf of S.40
[REDACTED] wrote:

S.40

One that I can see you have had sight of already, so I'm sending across the contribution request so you can submit your response when ready.

Thanks,

S.40

You have been asked to contribute to the response for case TO2018/01251 by S.40

A response from you is requested by: **1st February**

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Clicking on the link above will take you to the contribution request so that you can quickly respond to S.40.

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