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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN2339021



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr Simon Hamilton

30th March 2016

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Dear Simon,
Re: **Infected Haemophiliacs Living in NI – Consultation – Jane Ellison MP**

As you will see from the enclosed copy, I have received a response dated 23rd March 2016 from Simon Hamilton MLA, Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding the Department of Health (London) consultation on the review of financial assistance for people infected with Hepatitis C and HIV by NHS blood and blood products.

Since the Minister's correspondence is fairly self-explanatory, it is obviously unnecessary for me to repeat all of its contents in this covering letter.

You will note, however, he has stated in his reply that ... "The consultation is an opportunity for all those who have been affected to express their views and although the proposals in the consultation paper are for England only, all UK patients have been invited to respond."

He therefore provides the link through which you can access the consultation and questionnaire response form and indicates the consultation closes on 15 April 2016.

I do hope this reply has provided you with some useful advice and if I can be of assistance on any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

kindest regards as ever,
GRO-C

Sylvia Hermon
Lady Hermon MP

*P.S. Please do submit comments
as part of the consultation.*

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