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THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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From: Bernard Manson <bernardmanson@[REDACTED] GRO-C>
Sent: 23 February 2015 18:49
To: Liz Carroll
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Subject: Re: response from Roger Evans Chair of the McFarlane Trust to the letter we published today

Liz and I have discussed this and agreed that the prudent action is to take the letter off the website now and seek legal advice.

I want to be on record as saying that I 100% believe liz's version of events and she has my full support

I do not believe Macfarlane will move forward on Roger's implied threat to sue (which would require its board to approve) but we have to act sensibly as an organisation.

That does not mean withdrawing letters or apologising under threat.

Liz will aim to get legal advice tomorrow and report.

Regards

Bernard

On 23 Feb 2015 16:38, "Liz Carroll" <liz@[REDACTED] GRO-C> wrote:

I just wanted to let you know I have just had a call from Roger Evans who is very angry about the letter we sent. He says it is libellous as this was not said, and if anything was said it was him recounting an anecdote. This is absolutely not true and Jan definitely was the person who said the government should wait before responding to Penrose so more people will have died and it will be cheaper and as the years go on there will be less people to fight.

Roger has said if we do not retract the letter and write to the minister within 24 hours they will take legal action. He asked if the Board had seen the letter, which I confirmed.

I remained calm during the call and said I know what I heard.

Roger said he will be calling Bernard, and I have forever damaged the good relationship between The Haemophilia Society and The McFarlane Trust.

I have had a few calls from the Press including the Guardian, which I think is what has raised the level of concern for Roger.

Liz

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