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An Apology by The Haemophilia Society and its Chief Executive, Liz Carroll, to the Incorporated Trustees of the Macfarlane Trust, Roger Evans and Jan Barlow

In a letter dated 10 February 2015 to Jane Ellison MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health, which was also published on our website, we stated that at a recent meeting the Macfarlane Trust's Chair and Chief Executive, Roger Evans and Jan Barlow had advocated to Mrs Carroll that the Government should delay its response to the Penrose Inquiry so that more people would have died as a result of contaminated blood products and the Government would therefore have to pay lower amounts of compensation to the victims.

We now accept that Mr Evans, Miss Barlow and the Macfarlane Trust did not express the opinions attributed to them in our letter in that meeting and that these do not reflect the views of Mr Evans, Miss Barlow and The Macfarlane Trust.

We take this opportunity to retract this false allegation and to apologise unreservedly for any distress and embarrassment caused to Mr Evans, Miss Barlow and the Macfarlane Trust by the publication of our letter. We have undertaken not to repeat this false allegation.

We also apologise unreservedly to the beneficiaries of the Macfarlane Trust for any anxiety that we may have caused them.

Liz Carroll,
Chief Executive