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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN2339018

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Mr Simon Hamilton

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Dear Mr Hamilton

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the launch of the consultation on reforms to the infected blood schemes in England.

I have noted your concerns and will bear them in mind if and when the matter is raised in Parliament. However, health in Northern Ireland is a devolved matter and comes under the remit of the Department of Health here. Any changes to health schemes in England does not mean there will be automatic changes to any such schemes in Northern Ireland as that would be a matter for our Minister for Health to decide on.

Unfortunately Parliamentary protocol dictates that a Member of Parliament cannot take up matters raised by the constituents of other members. I would suggest, therefore, that you contact one of your local DUP Assembly members and ask them to take up your concerns with the Minister on your behalf. Their contact details are as follows --

Mervyn Storey MLA, 3 Market Street, Ballymoney BT53 5EA. Tel: 2766 9753
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Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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NIGEL DODDS OBE MP

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