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Dear Jan

Following our recent meeting between ourselves and Roger Evans on 29 January where we discussed the Haemophilia Society appointment of Trustees to the McFarlane Trust, I wanted to report back to you the outcome of our Board meeting discussion on 4 February.

The Board unanimously agreed that we should continue to appoint Trustees to The MacFarlane Trust as the current agreement states. In light of this please forward any role description you have so we can seek to ensure anyone we appoint can fulfil the role. We will then seek to appoint a Trustee. It was not felt appropriate for Roger to be part of the selection process as this is a Haemophilia Society appointment.

I discussed with the Board our whole conversation, including your thoughts on possible outcomes from the Penrose Inquiry and your possible plans to write to the Department of Health to suggest the potential of merging the 3 charities to simplify the complex system currently in place. We also discussed our response to the APPG report and recent Back Bench Debate.

As you know we hear from many of our members who have been affected by the contaminated blood tragedy as well as trustees who have been appointed to the McFarlane Trust over the years. Although we do hear from people who are happy with the service they receive, the vast majority of those we hear from are very unhappy, many of whom share with us specific interactions with the Skipton, Caxton and McFarlane trust staff.

Following a long discussion we agreed I would write to The Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt and Jane Ellison MP to say that we believe the five organisations based at Alliance House to support those affected by contaminated blood are not fit for purpose and any future support should be delivered by a completely different method, with a different administration. We recognise there are people who are happy with the current system of support, but the majority of our membership and experiences do not reflect that opinion. This letter will be copied to the APPG, Alistair Burt PM and Shadow Health Ministers.

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