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**THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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Dear Bernard

I write following the events of the last three weeks, which have culminated in the Haemophilia Society and your Chief Executive, Liz Carroll, issuing an unreserved apology for the false allegations made by Ms Carroll about myself, Jan Barlow and the Macfarlane Trust in Ms Carroll's letter to Jane Ellison MP dated 10 February 2015.

The board of MFT has found the events of the last three weeks deeply regrettable and they have caused distress to many beneficiaries. MFT has a long history of good relations with the Haemophilia Society, but this has deteriorated over the last 12 months, and the relationship has been deeply damaged by what has happened in the last three weeks. Consequently, at a board meeting on 6 March 2015, the board of MFT reviewed the way it intends to engage with the Haemophilia Society.

As you will be aware, in the past the Haemophilia Society had the right to appoint a number of trustees to the board of MFT. You will also be aware that this "right" was removed back in April 2012. The MFT Trust Deed (Schedule 2, paragraph 10) now states the following: "The Trustees [of MFT] may, from time to time, request nominations for appointment as trustees...from the Haemophilia Society". In the light of recent events, the Board has decided not to invite the Haemophilia Society to nominate a replacement appointment for the vacancy that now exists, following the resignation of one of your previous nominees, nor to invite nominations for any future vacancies in the foreseeable future. We will be proceeding ourselves with recruitment to the MFT board.

Also as a result of recent events, the MFT board has no confidence that there can be a constructive relationship with your Chief Executive, Liz Carroll, and MFT is not willing to work with her. The MFT board has therefore agreed that any communication between the board and Chief Executive of MFT and the Haemophilia Society must be with yourself.

Yours sincerely

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Roger Evans  
Chair, on behalf of the MFT board

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