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Subject: RE: publishing of the letter

Hi Liz,

I am so pleased that we have agreed for the comments to be published in full,

After nearly 30 years of being involved in campaigns, in which I have attended Parliament on numerous occasions, delivered a petition to number 10, gave evidence to the Archer Inquiry, been involved in Birhgrove, a group set up to help and advocate those infected and affected by this awful tragedy, plus seeing numerous friends die and attending too many funerals, I hope other Board members will hopefully understand my strong feelings regarding the awful and distasteful comments from the Chief Executive of MFT and Caxton and the reasons that I feel they should be reported. I am sorry if I may have come across at times as over zealous.

As I have said I have lost numerous friends over the years to this tragedy and have stayed in touch with many families and I have seen what the devastation is when a loved one dies from the effects of contaminated blood, some families have lost three loved ones, heaven only knows how they cope.

That is why I feel so strongly regarding this matter because I feel her comments are a slap in the face for every family that has lost a loved one over the years, and those that will die in the future.

In the church St Botolph without Bishopgate in London where there is a icon dedicated, and a book of remembrance with names and ages of those that have died, some as young as seven, the inscription reads,,,

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE WITH HAEMOPHILIA WHO HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF TREATMENT WITH CONTAMINATED BLOOD PRODUCTS.

Jan Barlow should go to the church and stand in front of the icon and the book of remembrance to hang her head in shame.

Liz, and the rest of the Board you have been like a breath of fresh air to those of us who have not just been battling our numerous virus's and illness over the years but also government and the very Charities set up to help us! and I hate to say at times the Haemophilia Society, and as a Haemophiliac infected with both HIV and HEP C, I thank the board for this decision, as it will mean so much, to so many people.

With Best Wishes

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Hello all

It seems the consensus is to publish, and having heard from everyone I think it makes sense. As Alan said transparency is important to maintain the trust we have built over the last year with members, and Andy is right, it could be published under Freedom of Information. The more I have thought about it [GRO-D] you are right too, I don't think it can make it much worse than it already is.

I have always followed the principal of never saying anything I wouldn't stand by in public and say to the people I am talking about, so I will sort out getting it published. I am thinking about how and where best to do that, but on the website and then telling people on Facebook with a link to the website seems sensible.

Thanks for all your comments, they have really helped me understand a bit more about the community we are here for, there is so much still to learn and I wouldn't want to damage the goodwill and trust we are beginning to develop again.

Liz

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