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HEPATITIS C INFECTION

The Haemophilia Society is considering the Hepatitis C infection of many people with haemophilia as a matter of urgency. Little is at present known about the condition and a test for it has only become available in recent years. We are still gathering information about the extent of the problem and still do not know enough about how the disease progresses and who will go on to develop serious problems.

The vast majority of people have had the condition for some decades, are well, and every indication is that they will remain so. A small proportion have had severe problems, and we are taking all appropriate measures to ensure that those affected have the maximum amount of information and the best possible care.

We have no plans to seek compensation from the government, our priority is to ensure help and support for people who are unwell as a result of hepatitis C. It is far too early to say what the needs of people with haemophilia and hepatitis C will be, as more information becomes available, the situation will be kept under constant review.

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