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(North Norfolk) (Con)

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2. What steps he is taking to support people affected by contaminated blood cases. ([900325 \(Unique identification number \)](#))

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As the Minister responsible for the **infected blood** inquiry, I announced this week the publication of the study by Sir Robert Francis QC on a framework of **compensation** for people directly affected by **infected blood**. The Government are considering Sir Robert's recommendations and I will update the House as this work progresses.

Duncan Baker >

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I was contacted by a constituent who has been affected by the **infected blood** scandal. As for so many across the country, this has been a very traumatic moment for everybody who has been impacted. As my right hon. and learned Friend says, on Tuesday we have the release of the very welcome study that has come forward. Can we now move at pace on **compensation** for those who have been impacted? Will he think about the recommendations for interim payments, and will that be able to help the victims quickly now?

Michael Ellis >

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I am grateful to my hon. Friend for rightly raising the concerns of his constituents. I know that Members across the House will have constituents in similar positions. Sir Robert will give evidence to the inquiry on 11 and 12 July, so just a few weeks from now, and the Government will need to reflect very carefully on his evidence to the inquiry in considering his study. But the points my hon. Friend makes are very valid and have been noted. There are complex factors to take into consideration and we will be doing just that.