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**"Re: Release of official documents to Lord Acher's independent inquiry on blood safety"**

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independent inquiry on blood safety

Many thanks Patrick. Do we need any update session early Nov to take stock of next steps etc eg the Hiv chronology, the work on other files, links with Scotland and Archer's team, if not already in diary.? We will probably need a fuller report to Hugh Taylor in the next month or so.

Message sent from a Blackberry handheld device.

Patrick Hennessy

**From:** Patrick Hennessy  
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1. As you know, it was agreed to issue relevant papers on blood safety from 1970 to the mid-1980s to Lord Archer's independent inquiry into contaminated blood and blood products. This minute is to advise you that the fifth and final tranche of papers has been prepared for release, and is for information only.
2. We plan to issue the papers to Lord Archer's team on **Friday 26 October**. This will fulfil our commitment to Lord Archer to issue all of the 'rediscovered' documents in monthly stages starting in June. Documents have been issued previously on 15 June, 10 July, 1 August and 7

September.

3. The documents will be scanned and placed on the Department's website as soon as they are available. This may take two weeks. The released documents are being placed on the DH Freedom of Information pages at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Freedomofinformationpublicationscheme/feedback/FOIreleases/DH\\_076693](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Freedomofinformationpublicationscheme/feedback/FOIreleases/DH_076693)

4. The documents being issued cover a number of areas related to haemophilia and blood products (other than non-A, non-B hepatitis, documents on which were released with a review of relevant documentation on 22 May). These include:

- HIV/AIDS;
- self-sufficiency;
- hepatitis and hepatitis B;
- BPL redevelopment.

5. There has been no reaction thus far from the earlier releases of documents, and there is no particular reason to suppose that this last release of papers will require any immediate response. However, the attached QandA, updated from that prepared for the release of the non-A, non-B hepatitis review in May, gives the main lines to take in the event of any questions arising.

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