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Dear Tony Blair

As a 44 year old GRO-A fellow human being currently trying to live my life with some degree of hope for the future. While at the same time contain the progression of three health conditions, one from birth ie; Haemophilia, two that I received from blood products ie; HIV, Hep C and now the possibility of vCJD infection.

I felt on hearing the news of a recent court ruling on Hep C infected Humans that I should write to you and invite you to discuss why it has saddened me so much.

Yet again the Government and the NHS have delayed their duty to hold a full public inquiry into this matter. I refer to the article in the Sunday times 5th August 1990 page 1.7: -

" Haemophiliacs demand end to official secrecy'.

Also I would suggest you read a copy of the statement of Mr Justice Ognall read at the Summons for directions hearing on 26th June 1990. I can provide you with a copy of both if you cannot obtain one.

I take the liberty to presume that you or any of your ministers have not read any of this information due to the fact of your repeated comments made in response to a plea by the Haemophilia population for some honesty by Government and the Medical Profession over this issue, I have always found this to be the best policy to reach a conclusion to any debate.

So to finally end this legal battle, which has already been allowed to go on for far to long. I request this meeting with some confidence that as long as Government and The Ministry of Health put all their information on the table to debate we will at long last decide in who's best interest a Full Public Inquiry would benefit, Plaintiffs or Co-defendants.

Could you also bring a copy of any records of meetings held before the announcement of the HIV test becoming available to the British Public in 1985, I think you will find reading them very enlightening.

I would also like your opinion on the following statement, " Asking a terminally ill patient to prove the need for a full public Inquiry, while in the full Medical knowledge that in doing so you are accelerating their demise is an act of a callous person bordering on the edge of being an accomplice to murder legally. When the person eventually dies, that is! I wonder if the Court of Human Rights could legally argue this not to be true?

I would hope that if you arrange this meeting 2 hours should be enough time to allow in your diary. Any time before St David's Day would be fine by me if only to allow me enough time to inform my younger brother the outcome, for I fear that he may not still be breathing by then.

Ever hopeful to conclude this sad affair so the Haemophilia population and their family's can get on with however long there may be left with some dignity and faith in the knowledge that the Ministry of Health will at least reread

Sir Winston Churchill comments made in 1942, (Quote 1): -

" The discoveries of healing science must be the inheritance of all.... Disease must be attacked whether it occurs in the poorest or the richest man or woman, simply on the ground that it is the enemy..."

The National Health Service Act 1946 lays the duty on the Minister to promote the establishment in Wales and England

Maybe Government will reread, Aneurin Bevan, (Quote 2): -

"Society becomes more wholesome, more serene and spiritually healthier if it knows that it's citizens have at the back of their consciousness the knowledge that not only themselves but also their fellows have access when ill, to the best that medical skill can provide."
I suspect Aneurin Bevan at this very moment is turning in his final resting place with despair, that after over 50 years we still as a global nation put cost in front of a fellow human beings life.

David Owen (1976) states: -

'No one, least of all its friends, should be afraid to criticize the NHS. It may indeed be argued with some force that some of its deficiencies, of which the current inequalities of health care and provision are the most serious, have only been tolerated for so long because the NHS has been subject to too little informed and objective criticism'.

With the adoption of national health insurance, Labour Minister Dr. David Owen predicted, "We were going to finance everything, cure the nation and then spending would drop." Unfortunately things didn't work out exactly as planned. The first problem with Britain's National Health Service was skyrocketing demand. With health care paid for entirely by the government, there was no reason not to go to a doctor. Why take aspirin or wait out a cold, when professional medical care is free? As Michael Foot observed, within months the demand [for health care] was exceeding anything [its creators] had dreamt of." First-year operating costs of NHS were 52 million pounds higher than original estimates.

Politicians must stop making promises that they cannot provide it tends to give the general public a false sense of security. I make this request not in the desire to embarrass or point the finger of blame in any direction, ie, Government, BMH or the NHS who I would like to thank for keeping me alive for this long. But to in some small way insure the continuation of a Healthy, Peaceful Human race in future generations.
If the foundations are sound it can always be fixed,
To remain silent in the knowledge of an injustice is to be an accomplice to evil.
I refuse to remain silent.

If I have not heard a response to my request for a meeting with you by 01/03/03, I will be arranging to make this information known to the public by any media technology available to me.

My defence in any libel case will be Insanity, Due to side effects of drugs prescribed by the NHS.

With luck they may even lock me up in some nice private mental hospital and take care of me until my demise, it would save my family having to do it

With regards

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