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Please see the attached press statement made by Minister for Health and  
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**ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT TO LOOK INTO HEPATITIS SCHEME**

The Welsh Assembly Government will be looking closely into the implementation of a financial assistance scheme for people infected with Hepatitis C as a result of being given blood products by the NHS, Health Minister Jane Hutt announced today. This follows an announcement today by the Secretary of State for Health, John Reid, of a scheme for England.

Jane Hutt said: "I have always had great sympathy for those who have been infected with Hepatitis C as a result of being given blood products by the NHS. Like John Reid, I am sure that our proposed action will be the right thing to do.

"The Welsh Assembly Government will be working closely with the Department of Health and the other health administrations to work out the details for the scheme."