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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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Date: 18.03.18
Ref: 11.02.20.5.ibi.1

Dear Infected Blood Inquiry

Re: INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY – CONSULTATION ABOUT THE INQUIRIES TERMS OF REFERENCE

I write having received a letter dated 09.03.18 from NHS BSA EIBSS with whom I am registered and by which means I have been given to understand that their letter was sent to me at the request of the Infected Blood Inquiry together with 3 other documents ie IBI's 'Information sheet' dated 08.03.18, Sir Brian Langstaff's undated proforma type letter of introduction and IBI's INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY: CONSULTATION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE document dated 07.03.18 each in connection with participation in consultation about the Inquiries Terms of Reference.

in this respect summary terms and as we are all well aware this issue has a long and tragic history during the course of which this is not the first time that victims and survivors have for one reason or another whether it be either voluntarily or having been requested/invited to write in connection with the contaminated blood issue by which and as referred to previously I am in all honesty exhausted and feel lacking of adequate capacity and necessary skills.

That being the case rather than endeavouring to find new specific words for this particular IBI consultation exercise or not responding to your invitation at all I feel once again and instead compelled to turn to and rely upon some of what I have written previously and more recently for example my email message dated 21.07.17 – 14:59 as follows:

'From: [REDACTED] GRO-B
Date: 21/07/2017 - 14:59 [GMTDT]
To: JOHNSOND@[REDACTED] GRO-C; bottomleyp@[REDACTED] GRO-C; iain.stewart.mp@[REDACTED] GRO-C
Subject: PART 2 - APPG Inquiry into Contaminated Blood Scandal

Dear Members of the APPG

FYI - A message together with the attachment Ref 11.02.20.1.1 dated 13.04.16 referred to sent a short while ago to DoH Infected Blood Inquiry as follows:

'From: [REDACTED] GRO-B
Date: 21/07/2017 - 14:44 [GMTDT]
To: infectedbloodinquiry@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: THE CONTAMINATED BLOOD/BLOOD PRODUCTS TRAGEDY

Dear Infected Blood Inquiry

I write with reference to the undated Department of Health - Infected Blood Inquiry Team, England 'proforma' type letter that arrived here earlier today, 21.07.2017, with regard to the contaminated blood tragedy and the announcement of the intent to hold a long awaited public Inquiry into it.

In this respect and summary terms having supported the call and need for such an Inquiry it is obviously welcome, however as the contaminated blood issue has, shamefully, been allowed to go on in the unanswered way it has for so long I for one am old and 'exhausted' by all that has preceded this which may in turn hinder this and any other contribution I may be able to make towards this Inquiry process.

However given such circumstances and in response to your request there are of course already 30+ years worth of 'comments' from me and others directly affected by this tragedy on record that are available to you and the Inquiry and need to be taken fully into consideration and account.

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Re: INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY -- CONSULTATION ABOUT THE INQUIRIES TERMS OF REFERENCE

In addition and whilst reiterations of previous my comments at present are as referred to in this trail of messages which refers to and includes my message and Response to 'Reform' Consultation document Ref: 11.02.20.1.1 dated 13.04.16 a further copy of which is attached for your ease of reference, information, perusal and this Inquiry purposes.

As far as the type of Inquiry is concerned I am a layperson without access to or the legal expertise necessary to express a properly informed decision as to the type of Inquiry I would prefer.

However and as you pose such a question please refer to Item 2 BS - IBRT email dated 21.03.16 on page 3 of my response to the 'Reform' consultation that provides some indication of my point of view and opinion and whatever form the Inquiry takes it must be Independent and free from undue inappropriate government involvement, limitation, interference, restriction and/or influence.

This Inquiry must be led by suitably experienced and qualified person(s) who can be trusted and relied upon to deliver a fully comprehensive Inquiry that leaves no stone unturned and covers the whole of the period prior to and from the very beginning of this tragedy until the present time in order to seek, establish and provide by whatever means necessary to provide full accountability, answers and closure required by the victims, survivors of this tragedy and of course their families and a meaningful understanding of the wider issues involved as a matter of extreme urgency without further ado.

Please note that a copy of this message together with the attached document will also be copied to Diana Johnson MP, Peter Bottomley MP and Iain Stewart MP of the APPG and Liz Carroll and others at The Haemophilia Society.

Regards

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This email includes a reference to 'my message and Response to 'Reform' Consultation document* Ref: 11.02.20.1.1 dated 13.04.16' a copy of which is attached to this letter/email as a part of my response to this IBI consultation.

With regard to 'Q1: On what time period or periods should the Inquiry Focus' in addition to the comment above on reflection I respectfully suggest that having been born in 1945 the period of my life does coincidentally also cover and include the history of haemophilia treatment in the UK from 1945 when there was no NHS and 'treatment' through its various forms and 'developments', concerns and warnings etc from then up until the present day that I consider to be relevant to this Inquiry and what follows it.

Furthermore and in summary terms it is apparent that there are many aspects to the contaminated blood tragedy that must be fully and thoroughly scrutinised and clarified by this Inquiry typically and including not all but for example:

How and why did this tragedy occur, what and who are at fault and/or responsible, government decision making and due care and diligence, UK self-sufficiency in blood/blood products, (the 'beyond belief' type 'recent' sale and disposal of UK blood producing facilities to a USA firm and increased dependency upon them), evaluation/reliability and monitoring of sources, pooling, donors blood and blood products, financial/funding/commercial implications/profit making, general and patient safety/warnings/awareness, patient awareness and unwitting guinea pigs of experimentation, Treloar College, official response to warnings of and awareness of HIV and HCV etc infection, procedures for testing victims and family members, misinformation, cover up, lack of disclosure, suppression and concealment of information, criminal activity, perverting the course of justice, deliberate destruction of records, breaches of human rights, The Archer Inquiry and official reaction to it, and the Penrose fiasco, the impact of physical, mental and other 'life' considerations and adequacy of responses to it etc, the Inquiry's recommendation with regard to any legal implications, what has been learnt and where do we go from here towards avoiding further such occurrences, and the due just and urgent closure of this tragedy including the provision of a Memorial along the lines of my previous comments referred to in the above mentioned document*.

In the meantime and whilst writing I take the opportunity to mention that it is anticipated that arrangements will, in due course, be made for victims and survivors etc to be offered the opportunity to and if able attend the Inquiry as either witness or observer or both and how they are to be 'formally' represented at the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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