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*From the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*

1 July 1999

The Reverend Prebendary Alan Tanner OBE  
Chairman  
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*Dear Reverend Tanner*

I was very glad to have the opportunity to meet with you on 17 June to hear about the Macfarlane Trust's work first hand. As I said then, your presentations left a much more lasting impression than correspondence ever could. I should be grateful if you would thank Ann Hithersay, Clifford Grinstead, Tim Hunt and Mark Winter on my behalf, and also the other Trustees and those who work with the Trust.

I can give you my assurance that we are fully supportive of the Trust's work and have great admiration for the thought and energy which you give to it. We will of course continue the commitment to provide the finances which you need for the Trust Fund. We will also continue to fund the efficient administration of the Trust and we will meet the costs of appropriate information technology to meet today's needs.

I have great confidence in the way the Trust has conducted its affairs, and your financial record speaks for itself. I was very appreciative of the way you expressed the Trust's clear commitment to the careful stewardship of the monies which it receives.

I was particularly interested to hear about the way in which you have assessed the changing patterns in the lives of people with haemophilia who have been infected with HIV, fully enabling the Trust's registrants to participate in the review and setting out the recommendations clearly. I do recognise that those who have had a changing life expectancy have needed to take a view of their lives, and the options



open to them, according to what seemed possible at each moment. It must have been very difficult for the Trust's registrants to adjust to the moving goalposts, as you described it. It is clearly the right thing to do, as you recommend, to work with other organisations in addressing the issues as we can now see them.

I was pleased to hear from you that the Trust would obtain support for its registrants from the range of appropriate sources, for example benefits and local authority assistance with adaptations. For my part, I advised that we would consider the benefits issues which you have raised in the course of the Government's Welfare Benefits Review.

I would be very happy to meet with you annually to "stocktake" any outstanding issues and to offer help where I can. This does not mean, of course, that we cannot meet before that year is up, but it seems reasonable to start with the aim of meeting once a year. There are some residual issues, including full notification of the S.64 grant and the appointment of Trustees, which officials will be completing and discussing with you, consulting Ministers as appropriate.

Once again, thank you for the time you have given to presenting your work to me and I hope I have been able to reassure you on any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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THE BARONESS HAYMAN

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## MACFARLANE TRUST: APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

*Eileen Trust not done -*

**Pat Winterton** - Appointed March 1996. Not formally reappointed in 1998. Trust would like her to be reappointed to March 2000 or longer -

**Kenneth Bellamy** - Appointed as Trustee to Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts to May 1999. Unable to continue as a Trustee.

**Dr Mark Winter** (Centre Director) - Appointed March 1996. Not formally reappointed in 1998. Needs to be formally reappointed to March 2000. -

**Tim Hunt** - Appointed March 1997. Trust want us to reappoint him to March 2001. *to Oct 28 1999*

*Elizabeth Boyd - (Boyle Free) -*

**Trust Chairman** (Alan Tanner) - to retire in March 2000

**Deputy Chairman** (Clifford Grinstead) - to retire in July 1999.

*+ Susan Phipps -  
Sandlans -*

*4 Trustee mtgs a year  
Working Group -  
around 3 days a month -*

*£7m → 5f  
£4m tied up in  
investments -  
£2m - top up in  
2000/2001 -*

*Spending £2m pa.  
- help with further education. (life skills) -*

Loans - not specifically permitted by Trust Deed.  
May need variation if loans + advances extended.  
- eg mortgage debts -  
(£2-£114) -