

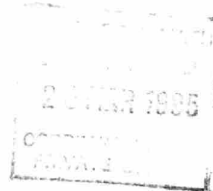
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The Rt. Hon. V. Bottomley, M.P.
Secretary of State
Department of Health
Richmond House
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27th March 1995

Dear Secretary of State,
RE: HEPATITIS C CAMPAIGN

I have been contacted by two constituents of mine who have a son who suffers from haemophilia.

I am informed that over 3,000 people who suffer from haemophilia have been infected with the Hepatitis C virus through treatment with contaminated blood products. Many of these people are now seriously ill through this infection with H.C.V. and some have already died.

The Haemophilia Society is now campaigning for:

- a) Adequate resources for research into the prognosis and treatment of H.C.V.
- b) A public education programme that provides reassurance about the methods of transmission and how ordinary social contact is not a means of transmission.

The Society also calling on the Government to provide:

- a) An across the board ex-gratia payment to all those with haemophilia infected with H.C.V. through contaminated blood products.
- b) Access to a hardship fund for those who become ill and the dependants of those who die.
- c) As a matter of urgency, payments to those who are already ill and the dependants of those who have died.

I fully support this campaign. Thousands of people are now faced with the threat of serious ill-health and the prospects of an early death through no fault of their own. I believe we have a moral responsibility, as a caring society, to provide a package of financial support to those infected with H.C.V.

I hope you will be able to respond positively on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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