



The work of HAEMOPHILIA SCOTLAND

Our Mission is to support, inform and advocate on behalf of all people in Scotland with Haemophilia, von Willebrands and other Bleeding Disorders.

This involves securing the most effective services and safe treatments by bringing together patients, and working with health service providers, suppliers and policy-makers so that people's quality of life is as good as it can be.

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Support

Our Parent Mentoring Project provides supported mentoring relationships to young families all over Scotland.



Inform



Our Person Centred Information Project is developing The Scottish Bleeding Disorders Handbook which will provide information focused on the patient experience of bleeding disorders.



Advocate

We are working with the Scottish Haemophilia Centres and National Services Division (NSD) to establish Scotland's first National Managed Clinical Network for Inherited Bleeding Disorders.



**THE HISTORY OF THE
CONTAMINATED
BLOOD
CAMPAIGN
IN THE SCOTTISH
PARLIAMENT**



The SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT and the Scottish Contaminated Blood Campaign: TIMELINE

YOU DECIDE

NO MORE TALKING TIME FOR ACTION

This timeline shows just a small amount of the campaign since 1999. For the bigger picture go to...
<http://haemophiliascotland.org/advocacy/the-scottish-parliament/the-contaminated-blood-campaign-in-the-scottish-parliament/>

Is your response to the Penrose Inquiry the final hurdle?

JUSTICE OR SHAME

188 months later...



DEC 1999
The Scottish Executive announces it will hold an Internal Inquiry into Contaminated Blood. The Public Petitions Committee, convened by **John McAllion MSP** refers Petition PE45 from **Philip Dolan**, which calls for a full Public Inquiry, and Petition PE185 from **Thomas McKissock**, which calls for compensation, to the Health and Community Care Committee.

OCT 2000
The Scottish Executive Internal Report is published but is quickly disputed by campaigners. The Health and Community Care Committee decides that it needs to find out more.

OCT 2001
The Health and Community Care Committee, convened by **Margaret Smith MSP**, publishes its own report which recommends that an expert group is established to look at the issue.

MAY 2002
The Freedom of Information Act allows **Robert and Alice Mackie** to find out much more about the contaminated blood disaster.

DEC 2002
The Expert Group under **Lord Ross**, which included **Jeff Frew** and **Philip Dolan**, makes an interim report to the Health and Community Care Committee.

JAN 2002
Health Minister, **Malcolm Chisholm MSP** comes to the Health and Community Care Committee to discuss the establishment of an expert group, under Lord Ross, as per their recommendation.

OCT 2004
There are protests on the first day that the Scottish Parliament meets in its new building.

MAR 2004
Skipton Fund is established providing payments to those infected with Hepatitis C.

DEC 2005
Debate on a **Carolyn Leakie MSP** motion calling for a Public Inquiry. The motion is amended to remove the call for an Inquiry.

APR 2006
The Health Committee calls for a Public Inquiry.

JUN 2006
Andy Kerr MSP rejects the calls for a Public Inquiry. With the help of **Frank McGuire** from Thompsons Solicitors and a new fighting fund, this decision is then taken to judicial review.

APR 2008
Nicola Sturgeon MSP informs the Scottish Parliament that an Inquiry will be held.

MAY 2007
Nicola Sturgeon MSP confirms that the SNP Manifesto pledge to hold a Public Inquiry into Hepatitis C from contaminated blood and blood products will be honoured.

JAN 2009
Lord Penrose is appointed to conduct the Public Inquiry.

MAR 2009
Preliminary Hearing of the Penrose Inquiry.

SEP 2010
The Penrose Inquiry published its Preliminary

DEC 2010
Just 20 of individuals affected by the disaster are given Core Participant Status.

MAR 2012
The Penrose Inquiry holds last 89th and last session in public.

OCT 2012
Lord Penrose says: "I have to complete this Inquiry, I have to and I cannot without a very good reason indulge in an extension of the exercise for another year, 18 months or whatever. I cannot do it and I will not do it". Report therefore expected before April 2014.

FEB 2014
Haemophilia Scotland highlights the outstanding recommendations of the Ross Report.

JAN 2014
The Penrose Inquiry announces that it will miss its own deadline to produce a Final Report by March 2014.

DEC 2014
Richard Lyle MSP hosts a parliamentary reception.

FEB 2014
Lord Penrose announces that the first warning letters have been sent.

APR 2013
At a Haemophilia Scotland reception hosted by **Richard Lyle MSP**, **Alex Neil MSP** announced a Scoping Exercise to be conducted by the **Scottish Infected Blood Forum**.

OCT 2011
Lord Penrose decides to add an additional topic, C3a.

FEB 2011
Passing of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2 gives Scottish Ministers the power to widen the eligibility criteria for the Skipton Fund.

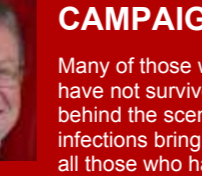


OCT 2003
Shona Robison MSP, raises the issue at First Minister Questions. Meanwhile, **Andy Gunn's** petition is not pursued as other work is ongoing in the area.

JUN 2005
An amendment seeking to establish a Public Inquiry is defeated by 56 to 52 in the chamber of the Scottish Parliament. 6 previously supportive SSP MSPs miss the vote to attend a protest. Many campaigners' faith in the parliamentary process is seriously damaged.



FEB 2008
The Scottish Government loses a Judicial Review, led by **Frank McGuire**. It must now investigate all deaths which may have been caused by contaminated blood or blood products. The judgement makes clear that this can be done by holding a Public Inquiry.



CAMPAIGNERS

Many of those who have fought for justice and truth have not survived. Others have chosen to battle behind the scenes because of the stigma that the infections bring. Haemophilia Scotland is grateful to all those who have driven the campaign forward over the decades.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES

Many other MSPs have supported the campaign but are not mentioned elsewhere in this summary. Their contributions are recognised here:

John Swinney MSP [SNP], Fergus Ewing MSP [SNP], Brian Adam MSP [SNP], Mary Scanlon MSP [Con], Mike Pringle MSP [Lib Dem], John Scott MSP [Con], Denis Canavan MSP [Ind], Mike Rumbles MSP [Lib Dem], Tom McCabe MSP [Lab], Patrick Harvie MSP [Green], Roseanna Cunningham MSP [SNP], John Farquhar Munro MSP [Lib Dem].