



The Rt. Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

We write as the group of charities and campaign groups who met in January with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Mental Health, Inequalities and Suicide Prevention Jackie Doyle-Price MP, and Minister for the Cabinet Office, The Rt. Hon David Lidington MP, with proposals for new financial support for those affected by the infected blood scandal across the UK.

When you personally ordered the official Inquiry into the disaster you made clear it was to be a UK-wide Inquiry. We welcome that decision. The UK-wide Inquiry process, and pressures it raised for those affected, prompted our meeting in January with Ministers.

However, the provisions in the Governments response, covered England only. Our discussion with Ministers were for the whole of the UK and our proposals made improved provisions for both those infected and affected by the scandal. Many of our members in each of our groups have learned of the Governments new proposals with a mixture of disappointment, anger and frustration with expectations dashed yet again. Considerable work remains to be done to reach the targets intended effectively.

We assume that the decision not only involved the Department of Health and Social Care (England), but also involved Treasury Ministers and potentially other Departments as well as devolved administrations. That is why we are writing to you personally to take this matter in hand as Prime Minister and as you have already been personally involved as the originator of what will probably be the largest official Public Inquiry in history.

We therefore urge you to set a new course and meet with us so that Government considers again the provisions for all of those across the UK who are devastated by this infected blood national scandal that you have acknowledged.

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We act in good faith and seek to find solutions that will meet both the needs of Government and all the survivors we seek to support. Public, media and political attention has now shifted onto this controversy in a manner that has never before been reached. As Prime Minister we ask you to demonstrate, by meeting with us in person, that this is a matter of real priority to you and the Government as a whole and to discuss the scope for making the Government's provisions more effective.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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- The Rt. Hon David Lidington CBE MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
- Jackie Doyle-Price MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Mental Health, Inequalities and Suicide Prevention
- Sir Brian Langstaff, Chair of the Infected Blood Inquiry

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