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Catherine Joyce Donnelly
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By email

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Dear Mrs Donnelly,

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 December. We continue to be very grateful for the active engagement of Scottish campaigners and participants.

Sir Brian read your letter with interest. He asked me to write and reassure you that the points you raise are within the scope of the Inquiry and will be looked at as appropriate to determine what happened and why and what should have been done.

Taking each of your points in turn, I can confirm that:

- The Inquiry's interpretation of 'Government' is broad and includes the devolved Governments and all relevant Government departments as noted in the endnotes to the List of Issues (p.65).
- The Inquiry's interpretation of support goes beyond financial support schemes, with the Terms of Reference describing financial assistance as one part of treatment, care and support (p.5).
- The List of Issues is currently being reviewed and the potential additions include explicit reference to palliative care as part of treatment, care and support.

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- The Inquiry's Terms of Reference includes support for carers who are not spouses, with support covering all people affected including the bereaved and including children, parents, families, carers and others close to them in addition to partners (p.5; also p.3).
- The List of Issues includes the impact on people infected and affected of having to seek welfare benefits and of their dealings and interactions with the welfare benefit system (p.54, 55).
- Evidence about support for advocacy and representative organisations will be heard during the hearings with campaigners after Easter.
- The List of Issues includes the response on the part of Government, the blood services, the haemophilia centres, UKHCDO, the NHS more generally, the pharmaceutical companies, the licensing and regulatory authorities and the medical profession to concerns about infected blood and blood products and why the Government did not establish a UK-wide public inquiry earlier (p.51, 52).
- The List of Issues includes the decisions taken by the Government in response to the recommendations of the Archer Report and why no comprehensive 'look back' testing programme was introduced (p.62, 47).

Sir Brian and I look forward to a time when we are able once again to meet your members in person.

Yours sincerely,



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