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Re: Invitation to attend the Department of Health Roundtable on Infected Blood

Madam Prime Minister Theresa May

Yesterday I received an email from David Davies, Correspondence Manager for the Secretary of State, Department of Health (DH) inviting me to attend a meeting on Thursday 20th July, to listen to my experiences and to get my views on the inquiry, however he failed to invite key individuals and campaign groups affected by contaminated blood.

Campaigners, key MPs and The Haemophilia Society have all strongly argued that the DH must not be involved in deciding the remit and powers of an inquiry that will be investigating the actions of its ministers and staff. I am sure you can imagine the distress and distrust this would cause for those who are so desperate for the truth to be told.

The meeting is due to take place at 10am tomorrow morning, however The Haemophilia Society has heard the message from campaigners, many of whom are our members, and will join them in refusing to attend and engage with the DH on this issue.

However, The Haemophilia Society stand ready, both as a key actor at the time and as a membership organisation including many of those affected, to engage fully with an inquiry set up by another department such as the Ministry of Justice or the Cabinet Office.

I call on you to ensure this inquiry is passed to another department and the meeting cancelled until such time it can be reconvened with adequate notice and to include all those whose voices need to be heard.

Kind regards,

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