



Public Inquiry gets underway

The long awaited Public Inquiry into the Contaminated Blood Scandal held its preliminary three days of hearing this week.

On Monday morning, a packed Church House in Westminster, watched a Commemoration for those infected and affected by contaminated blood in the past. The moving event of pictures, readings, personal videos and music, set the scene for the next two days in which core participants, both individuals, organisations and groups, told their stories.

Raymond Bradley, who leads The Haemophilia Society's legal team told the Inquiry that action was needed from the Government on both financial and counselling support, and that this should begin now. Trustees and senior staff from The Society were interviewed by 15 radio and television channels.

The Inquiry is now carrying out its investigations before public hearings resume in April next year.

You can read Raymond's full statement and other news on the inquiry at our new Inquiry web site www.inquiry.haemophilia.org.uk

Join us at our Conference (see overleaf) for an update from the team.

Community Fundraising

Kimbo's Norfolk Social Metal Detecting Fun Weekender

Thursday 20 — Sunday 23 September 2018

We have had some amazing support in the last week from Kim Clarke and 300 metal detectorists in a field in Norfolk. As part of a rally weekend where they spent time searching for hidden treasures, they raised a whopping £5,000 through event entry and activities that weekend. THANK YOU



Trustee News

Many of the trustees have been in London this month with the start of the Public Inquiry as well as meetings at The Society's offices.

Lisa Bagley was also out with the London & South Local Group social event .

NEW STAFF

We have had two new starters this month, Nicola has joined us from GOSH Haemophilia Centre as the Programme and Events Manager as well as our new Community and Events Fundraiser, Emma Bradley.



BOOK NOW FOR OUR **FREE** MEMBER CONFERENCE AND AGM

All members are invited to join us for our two-day mini congress including AGM and Gala Dinner on Saturday & Sunday 17/18 November 2018 in Birmingham.

Enjoy our plenary session on new treatment developments and your options followed by our haemophilia, VWD, rare bleeding disorder tracks on Saturday and then on Sunday inhibitors, exercise and women with bleeding disorders tracks, meet others from #OurCommunity and find out the results of trustee elections for 2018.

A **FREE** Crèche & activities for children are provided throughout the weekend.

For more information about the day and to book your sessions, please see haemophilia.org.uk/who-we-are/agm/

The gala dinner, includes a welcome drink, three-course meal, raffle and disco entertainment.

You can book your tickets here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/agm-gala-dinner-tickets-49942742086 BOOK BY 10 OCTOBER

If you are a member and need more information on voting at the AGM please email us on info@haemophilia.org.uk or call us on 020 7939 0780.

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COMMUNICATIONS

We have had a busy summer and the autumn looks set to continue the same way!

Here's some of what we have been up to:

- Producing the special congress issue of HQ
- Producing new materials for centres and local groups that promote our work
- Working on our annual report for 2016/7 that showcases our achievements of last year
- Updating our fundraising pack and producing a pack for our Buddies Who Brunch community fundraising initiative
- Producing a new membership leaflet that explains who we are, what we do and what we offer to our members
- Increasing our presence across our social media channels
- Ensuring the new Factor 9 treatment tender include patient views