

The Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing with regard to the infected blood support schemes which provide financial and non-financial support to people infected and affected by contaminated blood and blood products and their families.

Earlier this year, on the 21st January, your ministers, alongside representatives from the Northern Irish and Welsh Governments, met with people affected by contaminated blood and blood products, where they heard about the continuing hardship they face. They discussed difficulties accessing support, that the current schemes do not sufficiently support people and they heard about continuing inequalities in the support provided to people in different parts of the UK.

At the meeting your ministers promised to respond in detail to these concerns with improvements to the support schemes before the inquiry starts taking oral testimony on the 30th April. This date is rapidly approaching, and we eagerly await their response.

Yours sincerely,

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