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Dear Prime Minister,

We write to you again on the urgent issue of full compensation for people infected and affected by contaminated blood products, following the announcement that the Infected Blood Inquiry's final report has been delayed until March 2024.

Evidence you gave to the Infected Blood Inquiry in July indicated that the government would not be addressing its existing recommendations on compensation until the final report has been published.

As chairs of UK national haemophilia charities, we urge you to rethink this untenable decision, which is causing so much uncertainty and upset to our community.

Sir Brian Langstaff, chair of the Infected Blood Inquiry, published his second interim report on compensation in April 2023 which called for a compensation scheme to be set up immediately and begin its work this year. Since then, there has been no substantive response from your government, leaving many of our members anxious that they are about to be let down once again.

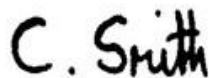
If, as you and your ministers told the inquiry in July, the government was working 'at pace' to be ready to respond to Sir Brian's final report in the Autumn, we must assume that work is now complete. You have just offered compensation to people caught up in the Post Office scandal before its public inquiry has concluded. Why not the infected blood community?

In July, you came face to face with some of the people who have been infected, bereaved and damaged by contaminated blood and blood products. They came to the inquiry in search of hope, direction and commitment from your government and left empty handed. It is not your government's fault that this scandal has happened, but it is your government's responsibility to put things right, and to do so quickly. As Sir Brian told the Chancellor at the inquiry: 'Delay is corrosive'.



We ask that you do what is right for all the people infected and affected by contaminated blood and blood products. We expect a positive response by 1 December 2023, which coincides with World AIDS Day.

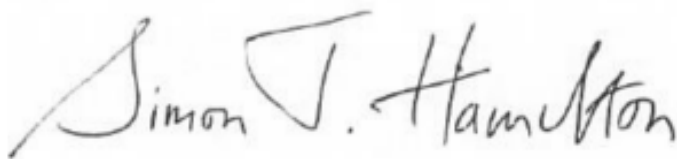
Yours sincerely



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