



The Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY AND SUPPORT ACROSS THE UK

We write further to our letter of August 1st 2019, as we still, urgently, await your reply.

In his opening remarks when the oral hearings of the Inquiry reconvened on October 8th 2019, Sir Brian Langstaff, the Inquiry Chair, stressed that he wrote to the Cabinet Office in October 2018 about the inadequacies and variation in financial support and suggested that decisive action should be taken. This has not happened.

We urge you to confirm without further delay that you will meet with us this year regarding financial hardship being experienced across the UK. The people who received infected blood and blood products and their loved ones continue to suffer as a result of the inadequacies in financial support. One person dies every four days following a life with infected blood. We have previously made our position clear to Government in January this year.

Sir Brian said that:

“A year on, evidence is being given by witness after witness which has underscored the point but also a year on some disparities remain.”

He also added:

“I would hope there remains the will to take further meaningful steps forward”.



Those who live with the consequences of infected blood and blood products, care for family members, or have lost loved ones feel they are being ignored.

We require you in the strongest possible terms to make support for people affected by the infected blood disaster a key priority of your and any future Government. We are copying this letter to the Chancellor and to Oliver Dowden MP as Minister responsible for the Inquiry, and your counterparts in the other nations.

With our regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Britton	Andy Evans	Su Gorman	Simon Hamilton	Lesley Brownless	Adrian Melson
Clive Smith	David Thomas	Michelle Tolley	Clair Walton	Glenn Wilkinson	Bill Wright

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- The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer
- The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Paymaster General and Minister for the Cabinet Office
- Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland
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