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Dear Clive,

I wanted to write to you upon my confirmation as the Minister responsible for the Infected Blood Inquiry.

I am sorry I was not able to do so earlier, but as you may be aware from recent parliamentary questions, I have already been fully briefed by my officials and I want to take this opportunity to write to you to reaffirm the Government's commitment to the Inquiry, and my personal commitment as sponsor Minister.

I am conscious that it is now over three months since you met with my predecessor Oliver Dowden and Nadine Dorries, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Care, where you as a group very powerfully expressed your concerns and told of your experiences. I would like to reassure you, and all those infected and affected, of my commitment to take forward the actions agreed at the meeting. I have had an initial discussion with Nadine this month about ways to take this forward.

Let me assure you in the strongest possible terms that the Inquiry continues to be a priority for the Government. I very much hope to be able to attend the Inquiry when it next hears evidence. I am also aware that some of you have written to me, or my predecessor as responsible Minister, and I will reply to those letters individually. In the meantime, I would like to express my thanks to those of you who attended the meeting in January and reassure you that I am actively seeking ways to move forward the actions agreed at that meeting. My officials will update you in due course.

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