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Dear Prime Minister,

I was disappointed to receive your response to our letter dated 10th May 2017 regarding the NHS treatment of our members with contaminated blood products. The Haemophilia Society, other campaign groups and over 500 individuals were seeking your response not that of other departments and ministers.

We also subsequently received a response from the Department of Health which merely stated that 'I note your concerns'.

In your office's response you said only that you would pass the letter on to the Department of Health to respond rather than addressing the issues we raised. This is not acceptable.

Firstly, the scandal of contaminated blood products has been rightly described as the 'worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS' and has so far led to the deaths of over 2000 people and the continuing substantial health impacts for over 2,500 more. It is insulting to those still living with viruses as well as the families of those deceased that you will not engage with this issue directly as your predecessor did.

Secondly, the issues we raised of the negligence of public bodies and failures of public policy are broader issues that the Prime Minister themselves needs to deal with.

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We understand that the Department of Health is responsible for the support scheme for people affected by contaminated blood and blood products, however it is not appropriate for the Department of Health to also be the judge and jury of the correctness of their own actions.

Our members were harmed by the actions of the NHS and the Department for Health and, hence, are rightly offended by the repeated referral of their concerns to the organisations that caused their harm.

Our demands are clear, that the Government set up a full UK wide public inquiry, something which has never previously occurred, with power to compel witnesses under oath, release all documents for public scrutiny and have a remit to consider failures in government policy and negligence by public bodies.

As Prime Minister only you are in a position to deliver this, which is why we continue to seek your response to ensure truth, justice and compensation for all those affected.

Yours sincerely,



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