

Infected Blood Compensation Study

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Dear Paymaster General,

I am writing further to the public consultation exercise that was launched on 14 June 2021, seeking representations from the general public, and in particular the infected and affected, their representative groups and legal representatives, on the draft Terms of Reference for the study I am undertaking to look at options for a framework for compensation for the victims of the infected blood tragedy.

I am writing to let you know the outcome of that consultation exercise. I am very pleased to inform you that the Study has had what I consider to be a very positive response from the infected and affected community. I received **447** formal responses to the consultation, along with over **150** further representations, primarily personal stories from the infected and affected on how this tragedy has affected their lives. Many of these, often moving, responses, both from individuals and representative groups will give me much food for thought as I progress my review, but were also of great assistance in reviewing the draft Terms of Reference. I am sure you will want to join me in expressing our gratitude to the many individuals who have contributed to this consultation, in many cases having to relive the awful experiences they have suffered over so many years.

I enclose with this letter, for your information, the Study's formal report of its analysis of the responses that were received and the key issues that came out of that which will inform the

Study as it moves forward, and would ask the Government to publish the report on my behalf on the Gov.uk website. I also enclose what I consider, given the outcome of the consultation exercise, to be a sensible revised Terms of Reference list for the Study. I would very much welcome your comments on this revised approach, but I hope you will agree that they offer greater clarification and assurance to the infected and affected communities that the points they want to make will be considered by the Study.

Now that the consultation exercise has been concluded, I look forward to the more detailed conversations and analysis that will be required to delve into the detail of the issues raised by the infected and affected community, so that I may come up with a set of comprehensive recommendations for a solution to the complex issues involved in potential compensation for the victims of this terrible tragedy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Francis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Sir Robert Francis QC
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Infected Blood Compensation Study