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Sir Robert Francis QC
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Framework Study

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Dear Sir Robert,

Thank you for undertaking the consultation about the terms of reference (TORs) for the study into frameworks of compensation for people infected and affected by infected blood, and for your recommendations, which you made to my predecessor as Paymaster General in your letter of 16 August.

I share my predecessor's view that your recommendations identify the key issues that the study should consider, and that they offer assurance to the infected and affected communities that the matters of most concern to them will be considered by the Study. I am therefore happy to accept your recommendations in full, and I am today publishing the terms of reference without amendment, in a written Ministerial statement.

I am very pleased that the people most directly affected by infected blood contributed so fully to the consultation, with 447 formal responses to the consultation, and over 150 further representations. I echo your gratitude to the many individuals who contributed, in many cases having to relive the awful experiences they have suffered over so many years.

You will now begin the detailed work of the study. I would like to thank you for undertaking this important work, and I look forward to receiving your recommendations early next year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ellis'.

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