



Resolution

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April 2024
FOI_6414

The following information was requested on 19 February 2024:

Dear NHS Resolution,

Please provide copies of all correspondence relating to Infected Blood Compensation sent to, cc'd to or by the below persons or mailboxes (including any attachments) during the period 1st December 2023 - 19th February 2024.

- 1) SMT (Senior Management Team)
- 2) Sally Cheshire
- 3) Disa Young

For the avoidance of doubt, the scope of this request does not include information about individual patient cases.

Our Response

Please find attached the information we can disclose. In terms of the Board report referred to in the attached, a summary of these discussions is available here: [20240124 Board-Meeting-Summary.pdf \(resolution.nhs.uk\)](#)

We have made some redactions in the attached disclosure as some of the information does not fall within the scope of this request or the information is exempt because one of the following exemptions available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) apply:

Section 36 – prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs

S. 36(2)(b)(ii) and (c) FOIA - Prejudice to the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of the effective conduct of public affairs.

NHS Resolution considers that some of the withheld information is exempt, and disclosure would inhibit the free and frank provision of advice and exchange of views for the purpose of deliberating ahead of any final decisions.

We note that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) commented in the decision notice: [Microsoft Word - IC-249349-J2R9 Decision Notice for website \(ico.org.uk\)](#)

Para 75 - The Commissioner considers that, in relation to the process of giving advice and frank discussions, it is not unreasonable to conclude that there is a real and significant risk that officials would be less candid in future when offering similar information should they consider that this information could be disclosed.

Public interest considerations

Sections 36(2)(b)(ii) and (c) of the FOIA are subject to the public interest test. Therefore, NHS Resolution must also consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the withheld information.

In favour of disclosure

NHS Resolution recognises the public interest in openness, transparency, and accountability and in allowing access to the withheld information given the on-going public Inquiry and to demonstrate that proper process is being/has been followed.

There is also a strong public interest in the disclosure of information which will allow scrutiny of the handling of the Infected Blood compensation scheme.

In favour of maintaining the exemptions

NHS Resolution believes that the public interest rests in maintaining the exemptions and avoiding the prejudice to the live issue and ongoing policy -and decision - making processes in relation to the Infected Blood compensation scheme.

The withheld information relates to matters of fundamental public interest and importance and how, therefore, a safe space is required for consideration, discussion, advice, and policy development. Although there are significant public interest arguments in favour of disclosure, we consider these do not outweigh the public interest in avoiding prejudice to the on-going discussions around the topic.

The public interest in disclosure will be served in due course by future reports by the Public Inquiry, the Government's formal responses, and the announcement, implementation, and operation of any compensation schemes in question. We consider disclosure at the time of the request and whilst matters are still live and under discussion would not further the public interest.

We also note that in the ICO decision notice [ic-256155-z2p4.pdf \(ico.org.uk\)](#)

The ICO noted:

'...the Commissioner considers the public interest rests in maintaining the exemptions. This is because Government should be afforded the safe space to discuss advice and

views, deliberate free and frankly without the distraction and inhibition premature public disclosure would cause. This is how effective policy decisions are made. The Commissioner also accepts that disclosure would be likely to hinder the ongoing working relationship between NHSBSA and DHSC, because this safe space is still very much required, and the withheld information is of a sensitive nature. Disclosure could also mislead the public or provide a misconstrued picture of where the Government is on further payments. It needs the safe space to consider all options to ensure that the most appropriate formal response is provided to the public and the most effective policy decisions are made.'

Also worthy of note is the ICO decision notice [Microsoft Word - IC-249349-J2R9 Decision Notice for website \(ico.org.uk\)](#)

Where the ICO noted:

However, the Commissioner accords more significant weight to the public interest in not disclosing internal discussions prematurely and thereby potentially negatively impacting policy implementation.

Section 40 – Personal Data Exemption

We have redacted the names of junior staff as we believe that disclosure of this information is exempt under Section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3A) (a) of the FOI Act, where disclosure to a member of the public would contravene one or more of the data protection principles. The data protection principles are set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation. We take the view that it would not be fair or lawful to disclose such information, and any disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle.

The individuals were not told, (and have therefore not consented to) their personal information would be used in this way, and we do not believe they would have a reasonable expectation that their personal data would be released in this way. Whilst we acknowledge these individuals will have been involved or copied in a working capacity, we believe that the senior managers have overall responsibility for the work, and they would have a reasonable expectation of more scrutiny.

As a disclosure under the FOI Act is essentially a disclosure to the world, we believe that junior staff would not expect their names to be processed in this way.

NHS Resolution believes it has a responsibility to protect those individuals' identities, as disclosure could potentially cause damage and/or distress to those involved.

Section 41 – Information provided in confidence

Section 41(1) of the FOI Act sets out an exemption where the information requested was provided to the public authority in confidence. There are two components to the exemption:

- i If held, the information must have been obtained by the public authority from another person. A person may be an individual, a company, a local authority or any other “legal entity”. It is not restricted to information provided verbally or in writing. The exemption does not cover information which the public authority has generated itself, although it may cover documents (or parts of documents) generated by the public authority if these contain confidential information provided by a third party. It is the information itself, and not the document or other form in which it is recorded, which needs to be considered.
- ii Disclosure of the information would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence. In other words, if the public authority disclosed the information the provider or a third party could take the authority to court.

Breach of Confidence Test

To determine whether a breach of confidence would occur if the information were to be disclosed, it is necessary to conduct a Breach of Confidence Test.

A breach of confidence will become actionable if:

- The information has the necessary quality of confidence;
 - The information was given in circumstances under an obligation of confidence;
- and
- There was an unauthorised use of the information to the detriment of the confider.

The Information provided to NHSR, and subject to this exemption, has been imparted on the understanding that it would be used for the purpose for which it was supplied, namely, to undertake work in accordance with the NHSR’s core functions. There is an expectation that the withheld information would be treated confidentially. All requests made under the FOIA are applicant blind, so a public authority will always view any disclosure as one into the public domain. A release under the FOIA is therefore considered to be a release to the public at large.

Section 41 is an absolute, class-based exemption meaning that if there is harm in release, that there is no statutory public interest balancing exercise required. However, the law of confidence has an “inbuilt” public interest defence. We have taken this into account and determined that it does not outweigh the harm that would occur from disclosure.

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [Tinku Mitra](#), Deputy Director of Corporate and Information Governance, Data Protection Officer for NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/>

From: [VERNON, Helen \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
To: [SMT](#)
Subject: FW: Update Infected Blood Inquiry - Latest Developments Around Compensation Arrangements
Date: 06 December 2023 10:35:42
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
Importance: High

As discussed

From: [REDACTED] s@nhs.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 5:51 PM
To: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: Update Infected Blood Inquiry - Latest Developments Around Compensation Arrangements
Importance: High

Dear Helen,

Here, as requested is what we know so far about the compensation of the victims of the Infected Blood scandal based on the outcome of yesterday's Third Reading (Commons) of the Victims and Prisoners Bill.

In addition, I will ensure to write a brief update for the board papers prior to 22nd December.

1. Dame Dianna Johnson secured the following amendment to the Bill after both the Labour Party and 23 Conservative MPs decided to back it. [\[1\]](#)

(1) In accordance with section 2(3C), the Secretary of State must, within three months of the passing of this Act, establish a body to administer the compensation scheme for victims of the infected blood scandal.

(2) The body created under this section must be chaired by a judge of High Court or Court of Session with status as sole decision maker.

(3) In exercising its functions, the body must—

(a) have regard to the need of applicants for speed of provision, simplicity or process, accessibility, involvement, proactive support, fairness and efficiency;

(b) involve potentially eligible persons and their representatives amongst those in a small advisory board, and in the review and improvement of the scheme;

(c) permit the hearing of applicants in person; and

(d) have an independent appeal body which will reconsider decisions of the scheme referred to it.

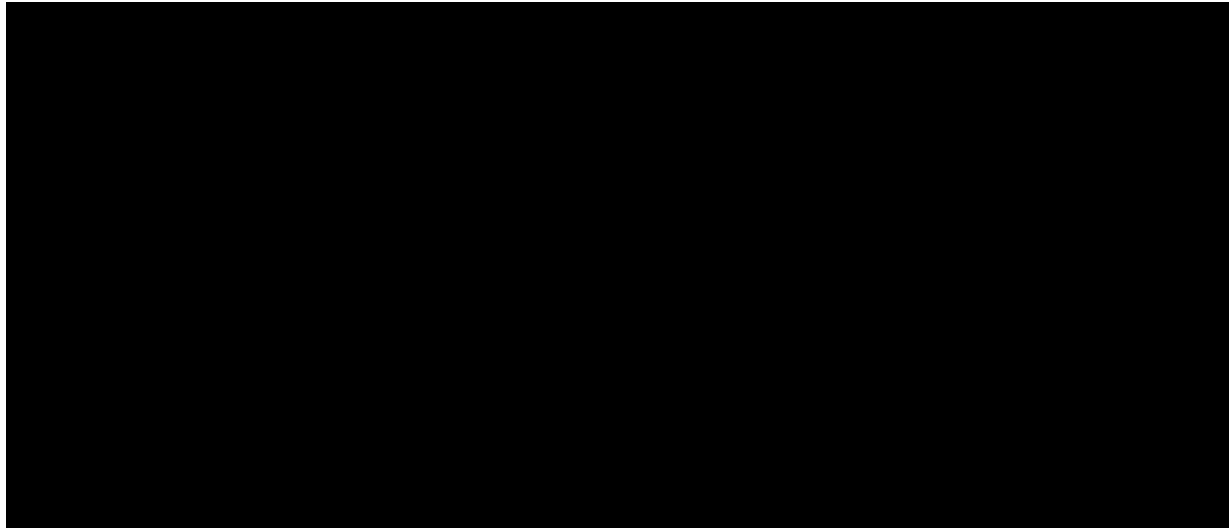
(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make further provision about the body established

under this section.

(5) For the purposes of this Act, a victim of the infected blood scandal means any infected or affected person whom the Second Interim Report of the Infected Blood Inquiry, as laid before Parliament on 19 April 2023, recommends should be admitted to a compensation scheme.

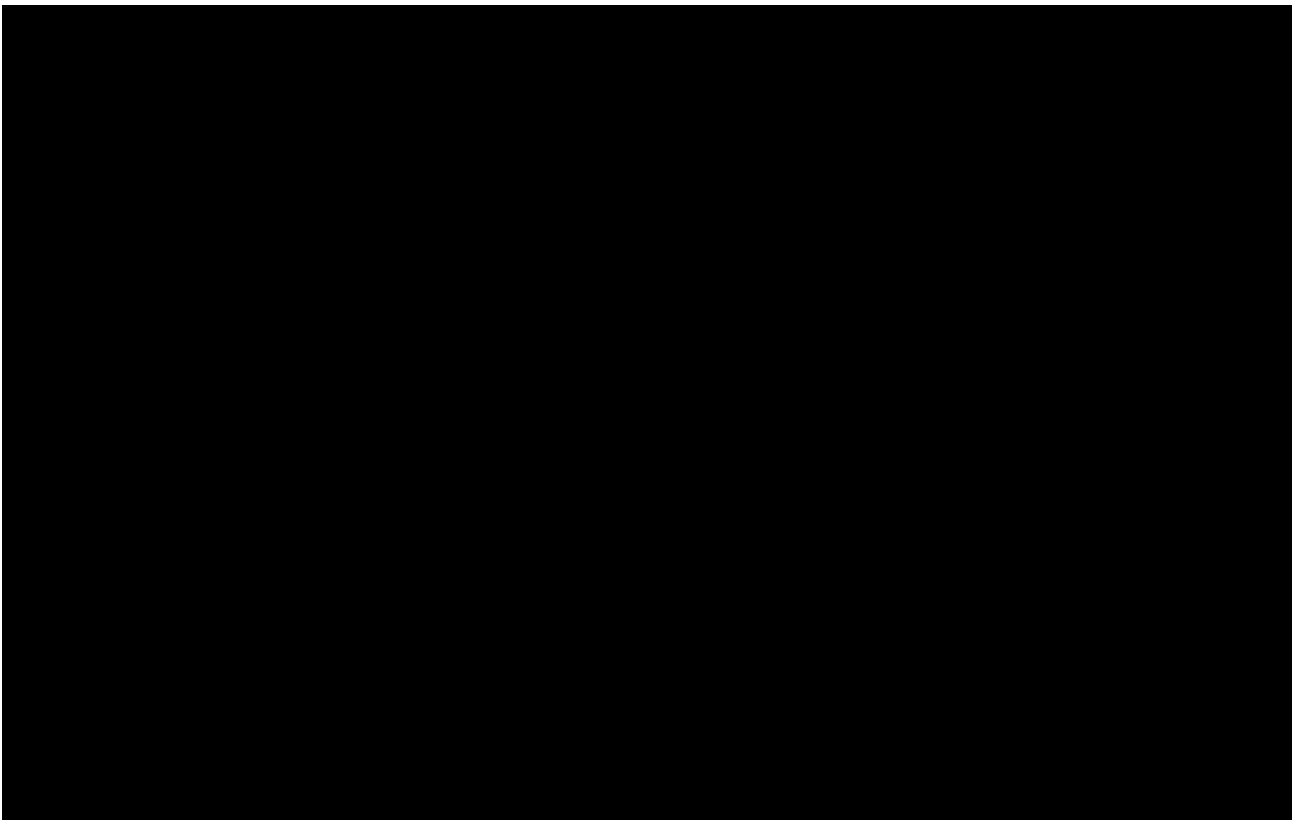
(6) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.—

In the debate this was amendment 27 having previously been on the order paper as New Clause 28.^[2]



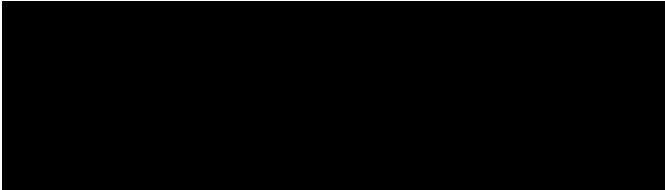
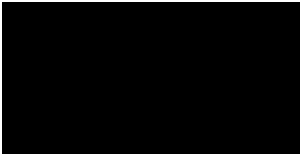
3. The immediate context is that the prior Government position on this was:

“it is only reasonable that the Government’s response is fully informed by Sir Brian’s final report. [From the Infected Blood Inquiry now expected March 2024]”^[3]





Although it has been reported that Treasury estimates have previously put the cost of full compensation at between £5 and £22 billion^[5] in and of itself this clause does not specify the levels of compensation to each victim, infected or affected, or whether this would take the form of lump sum payments, Periodic Payment Orders or a combination of the two.



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^[1] [HC Deb, 4 December 2023, c135](#)

^[2] https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-04/0002/amend/victims_day_rep_1204.pdf

[3] [HC Deb, 23 October 2023, cWS](#)

[4] <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infected-blood-compensation-framework-study-terms-of-reference/infected-blood-interim-compensation-payment-scheme>

[5] <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-66341658> Former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt's written evidence to the Inquiry does reference the necessity of finding cost savings of £22 billion from existing health budgets: See: [FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE RT HON JEREMY HUNT](#) p.46

From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION)
Subject: Re: Media summary: 05 December 2023
Date: 05 December 2023 12:44:35
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hi, yes it's [REDACTED].

Co incidentally I discussed this with [REDACTED] just ahead of our call and he's already asked [REDACTED] to look up a specific detail following last night's vote [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] o it might be worth copying in [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Dec 2023, at 12:17, ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION)

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED], this came in only a few moments ago and probably would have been helpful to have discussed on the line. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Helen has asked for a readout from yesterday's HoC debate and to be kept abreast of any commentary following the vote – plus to include something on this for her CEO Board report. Who is the Policy team might be able to do this – [REDACTED] I'm thinking?
Thanks, Ian

From: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>

Sent: 05 December 2023 12:06

To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Media summary: 05 December 2023

Can we monitor any commentary which flows from the Bloods vote please [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Finally, I'd be grateful for a para on this from the Policy team for my Board CEO report please.
Many thanks

Helen

From: PRESS (NHS RESOLUTION) <[\[REDACTED\]@nhs.net](mailto:[REDACTED]@nhs.net)>

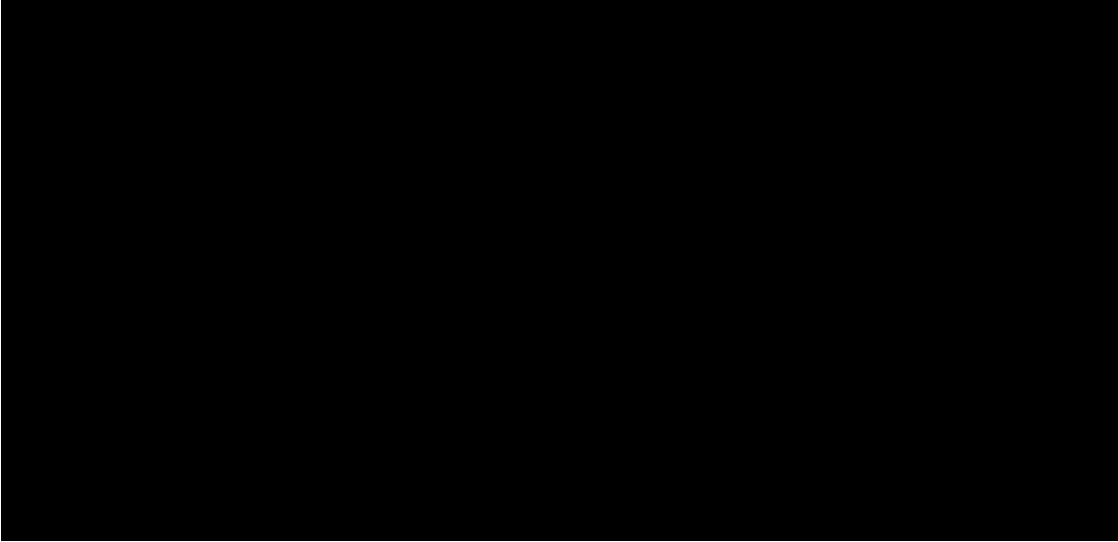
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Subject: Media summary: 05 December 2023

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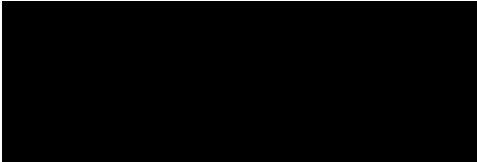



Justice reforms

New body will handle blood scandal payouts after Tory rebellion

(The Times, Steven Swinford, 5 December 2023)

The government will be forced to create a body to administer billions of pounds in compensation to victims of the contaminated blood scandal after being defeated in the Commons. A total of 23 Tory MPs rebelled against the government as MPs voted 246 to 242 to support a backbench amendment requiring ministers to establish the new arms-length body. It would be chaired by a High Court judge and oversee the payment of compensation to victims and their families, which the Treasury believes could cost between £5 billion and £22 billion. About 30,000 people in Britain are believed to have contracted hepatitis C and HIV from contaminated blood in the 1970s and 1980s, including about 5,000 haemophiliacs. The government's priority is to compensate the "infected who are alive", followed by those who have died. However, there is a larger group known as the "affected", which includes victims' loved ones, who are also expected to be compensated.



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From: [ADAMS, Ian \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [\(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
Subject: FW: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting
Date: 06 December 2023 15:13:00
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Thanks again. Ian

From: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 3:13 PM
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

Thanks – very helpful to see and a good read-out from [REDACTED], for which thanks.
Helen

From: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:28 PM
To: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: FW: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

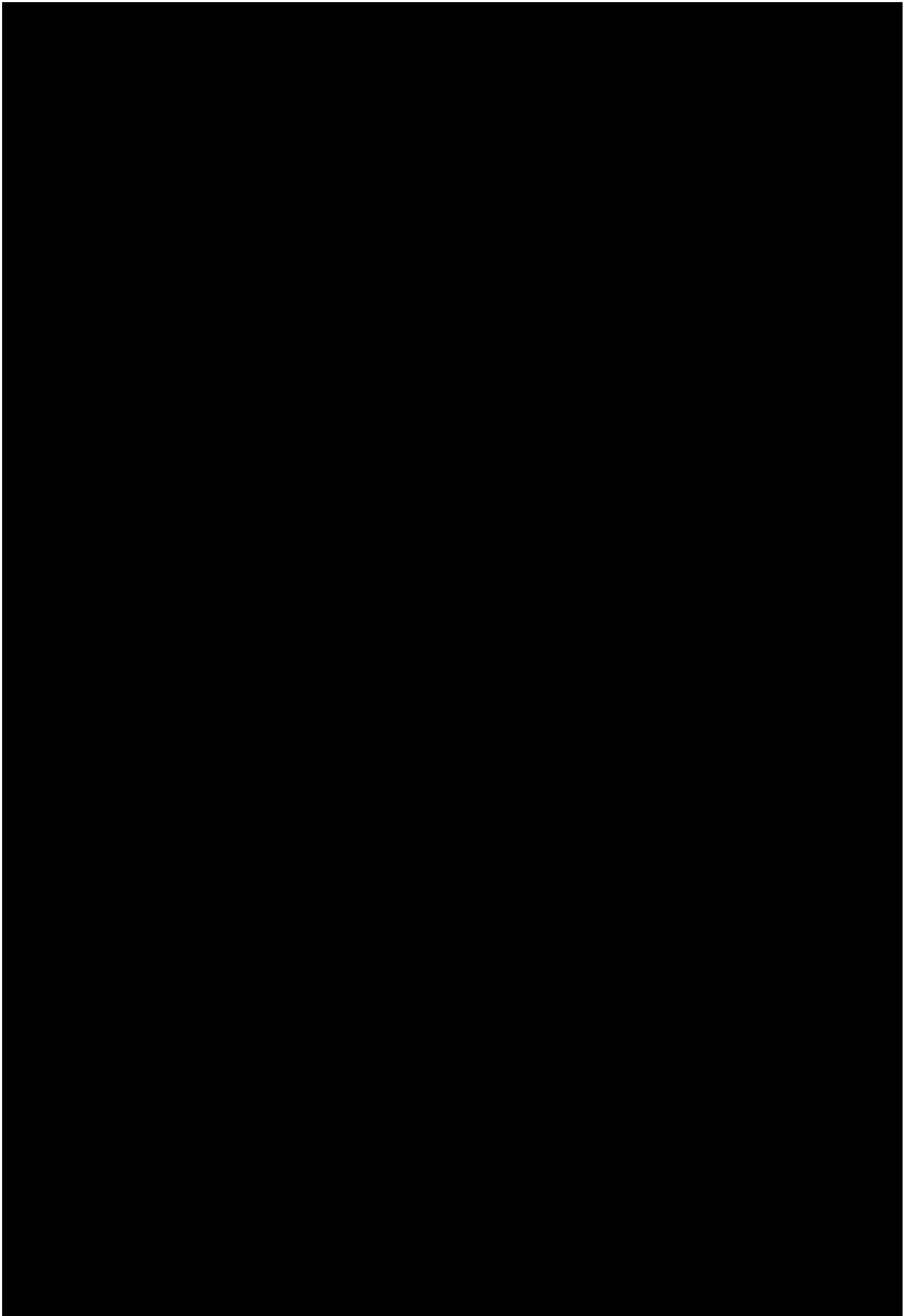
Helen, this morning [REDACTED] attended the DHSC/ALB Directors of Comms monthly on my behalf. You may find the below of interest. Ian

From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:23 PM
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

Hi Ian,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





I work longer days Monday to Thursday and do not work on Friday afternoons after 1pm.

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From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION)
Cc: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
Subject: Paragraph for CEO Board Report Regarding Compensation for Infected Blood
Date: 07 December 2023 11:08:00
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Dear Ian,

In answer to your request I would suggest the following:

"On 04 December Dame Dianna Johnson secured an amendment to the Commons Third Reading of the Victims and Prisoners Bill which committed the Government to: "within three months of the passing of this Act, establish a body to administer the compensation scheme for victims of the infected blood scandal." Prior to this the Government's position was that any response to the Infected Blood Inquiry would come after the publication of the final report, expected in March 2024.

"As such it is highly likely that a separate body will be established for this purpose, although this may not take the exact form described in the Opposition amendment. This is because the Government had promised to bring forward its own amendment on the issue as the Bill is considered by the House of Lords. Any scheme would be an addition to existing arrangements for interim payments currently being administered by the NHS Business Services Authority."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 12:50 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Cc: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>; [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>; [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: FW: Media summary: 05 December 2023

[REDACTED], I understand that you are already looking at some aspects of this. Related, would you please include Helen's request, below, on this. Specifically, would you please prepare a draft paragraph for my review, to feed into Helen's CEO Board Report – the deadline for that would be 22 Dec latest. If you have any questions or suggestions on this request, please revert. Many thanks, Ian

From: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: 05 December 2023 12:06
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>; [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: FW: Media summary: 05 December 2023

Can we monitor any commentary which flows from the Bloods vote please. [REDACTED]

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Many thanks
Helen

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
To: [VERNON, Helen \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
Subject: Paragraph for CEO Board Report Regarding Compensation for Infected Blood
Date: 08 December 2023 09:13:00
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Dear Helen,

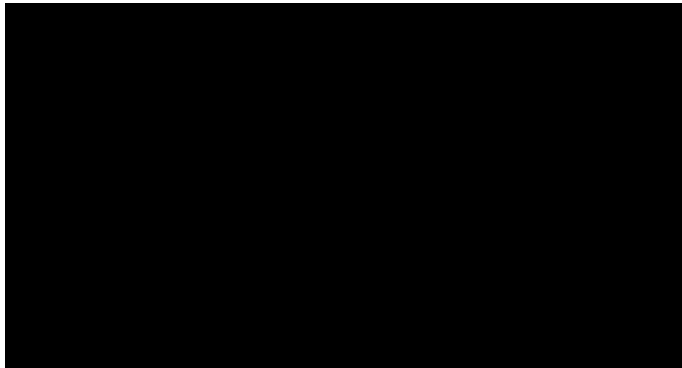
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The Lord’s Second Reading is on 18 December so this *may* need to be revised at this point. However this is accurate at this point.

Hope this is okay and of course I welcome comments.



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SMT meeting

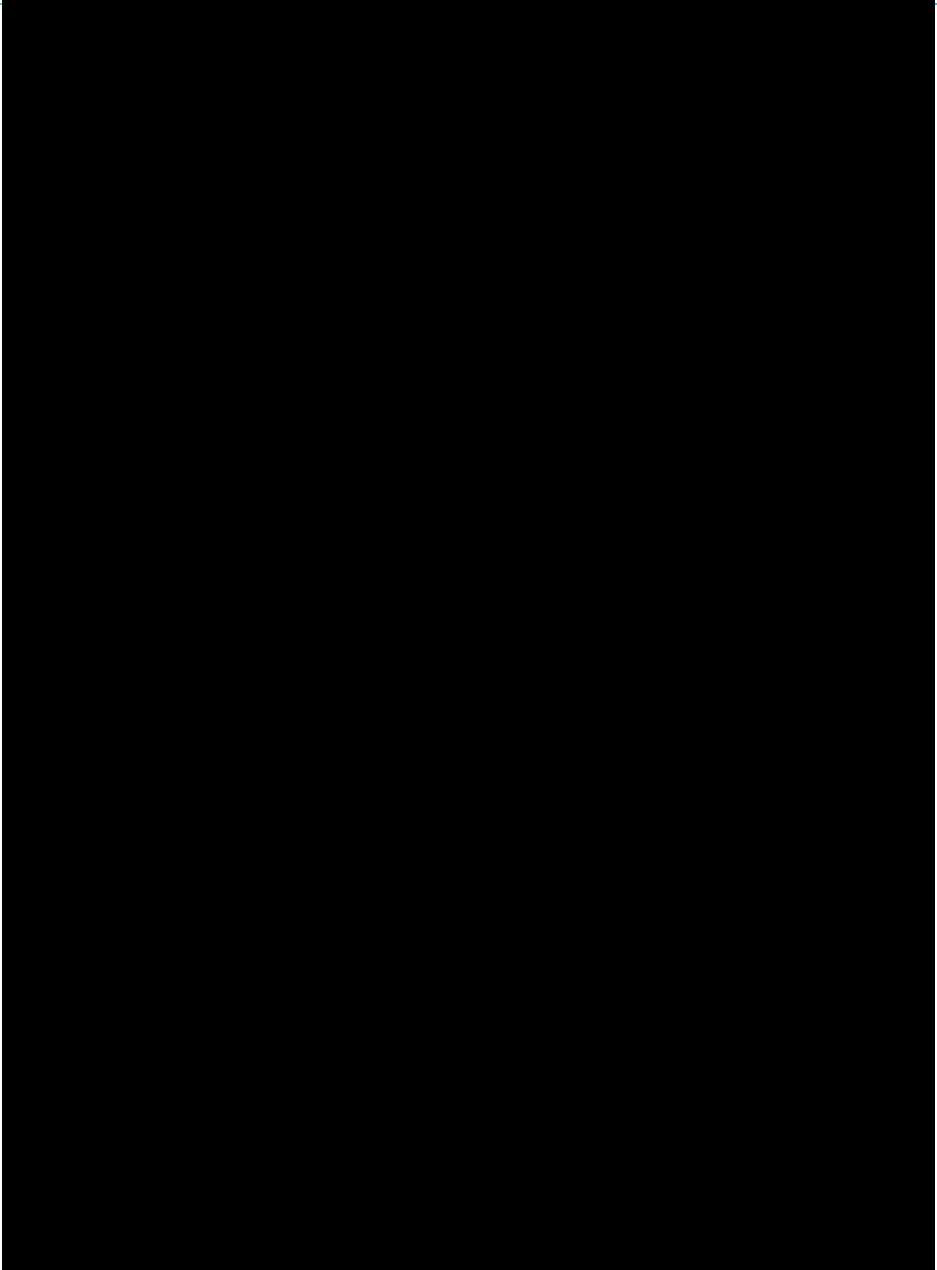
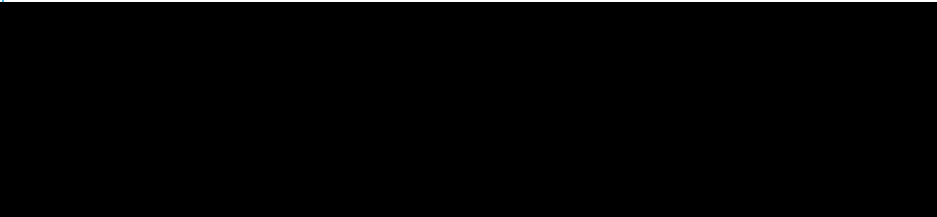
6 December 2023

10:00 – 12:00 - Hybrid Meeting: MS Teams/Room 8.05

Minutes

Members present	Initials	Job Title
Simon Hammond (Chair)	SH	Director of Claims Management
Helen Vernon	HV	Chief Executive
Joanne Evans	JE	Director of Finance & Corporate Planning
Vicky Voller	VV	Director of Advice and Appeals
Megan Bidder	MB	Director of Safety & Learning
John Mead	JMM	Technical Claims Director
Ian Adams	IA	Director of PSC
Niamh McKenna	NM	Chief Information Officer
Sara Pollock	SP	Chair of ODG
		Executive Personal Assistant (minutes)
In attendance	Initials	Job Title
		Test Analyst - for Item 7
		Head of Corporate & Information Governance – for Item 8
		PMO Manager - for Item 9
Apologies	Initials	Job Title

Agenda item	Notes of discussions, outcomes and actions	Action lead	Due date
Preliminary business			
1.	Meeting started at 10:00.		
2.	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 November 2023 were approved.		
3.	Review of action log The action log was updated.		
Core business: items for assurance/discussion/approval			
4.			

				
			VV	11.12.23
5.			HV	ASAP

Compensation schemes

- There was a recent article in the press about the Infected Blood Inquiry which references setting up a body to deal with compensation and the PSC team have pulled together a briefing which we will then discuss with DHSC in terms of the position of a delivery arm for non-tortious compensation schemes which has implications for NHSR. HV will circulate the briefing to SMT.

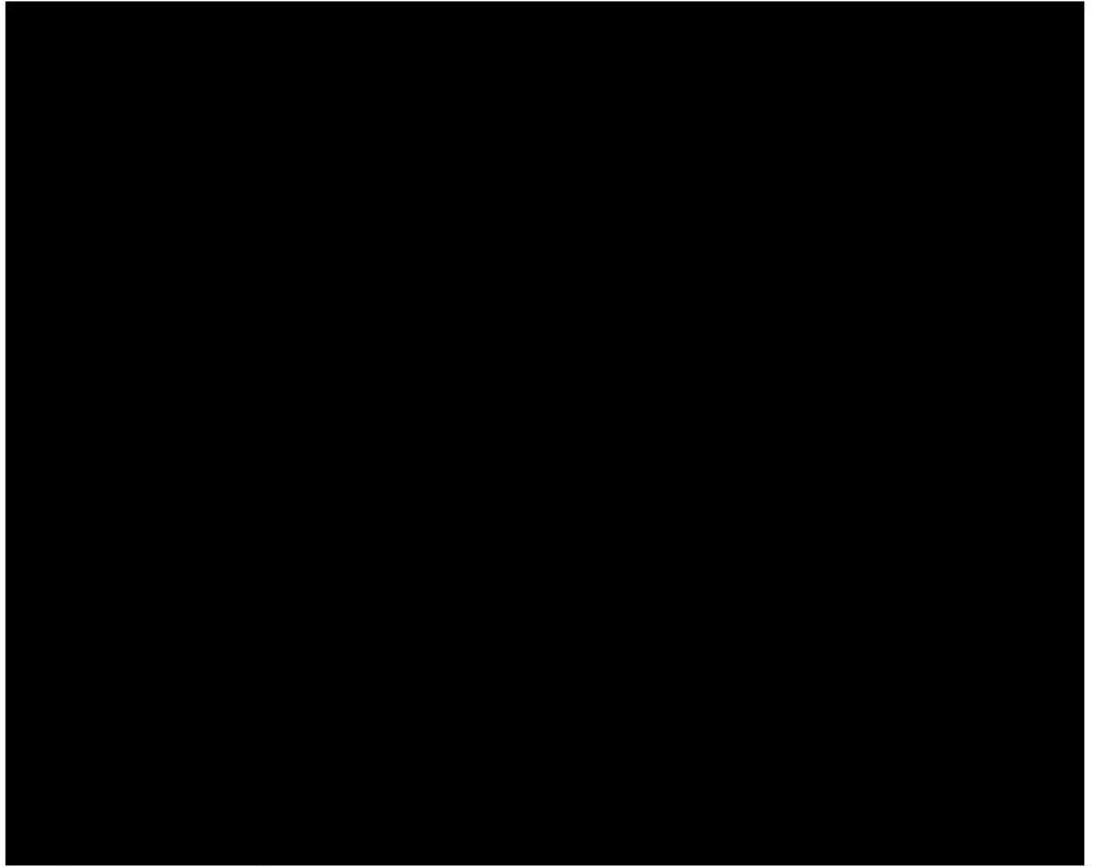
SMT Actions

Action Ref No.	Date of meeting	Reference	Action	Date action due	Officer responsible	RAG rating	Status of action
							Guidance to come

23/125	6/12/23	Infected Blood Inquiry – briefing for Developments Around Compensation Arrangements	HV to circulate the briefing from [REDACTED]	ASAP	HV	CLOSED	
[REDACTED]							

From: [PRESS \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)

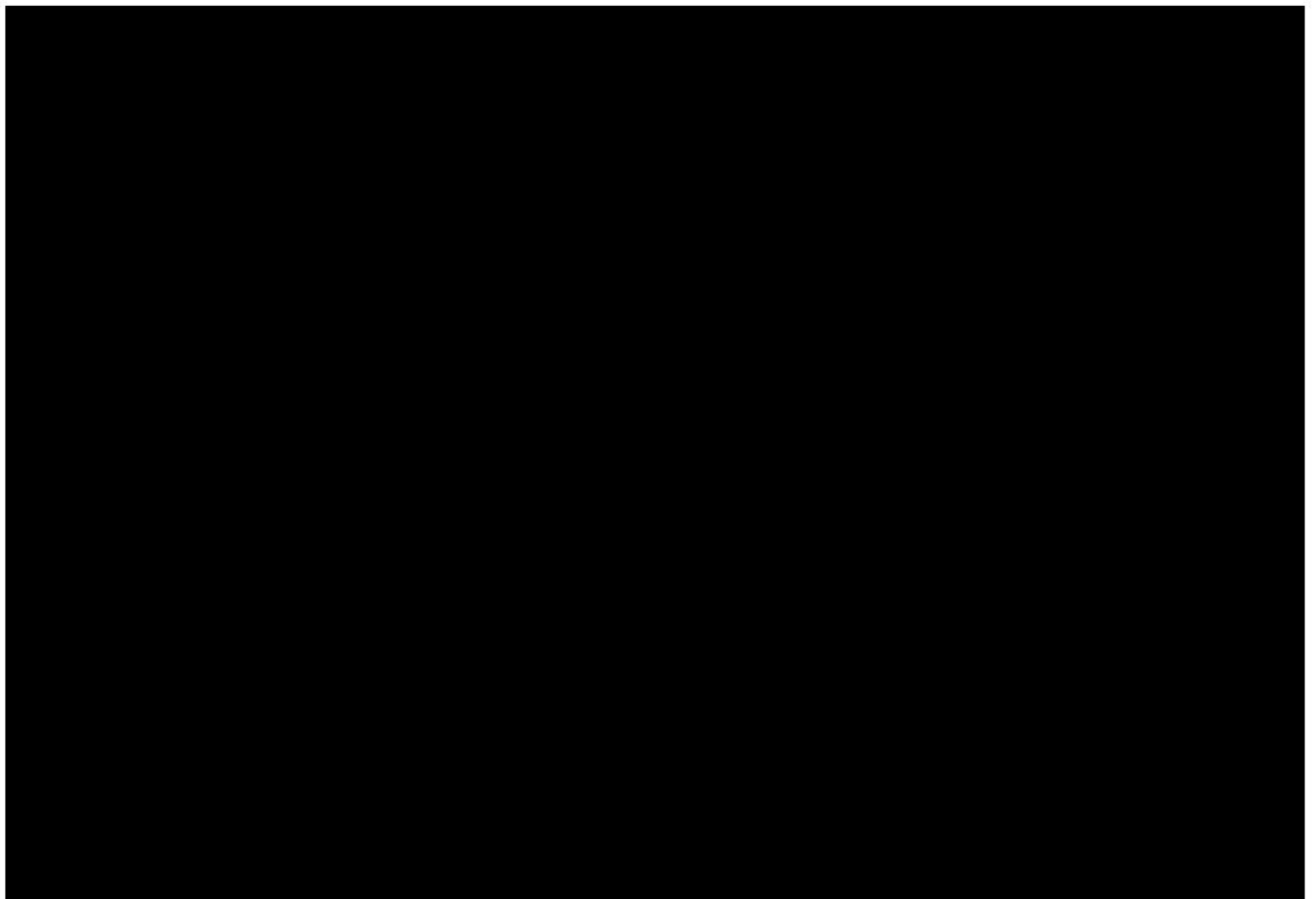
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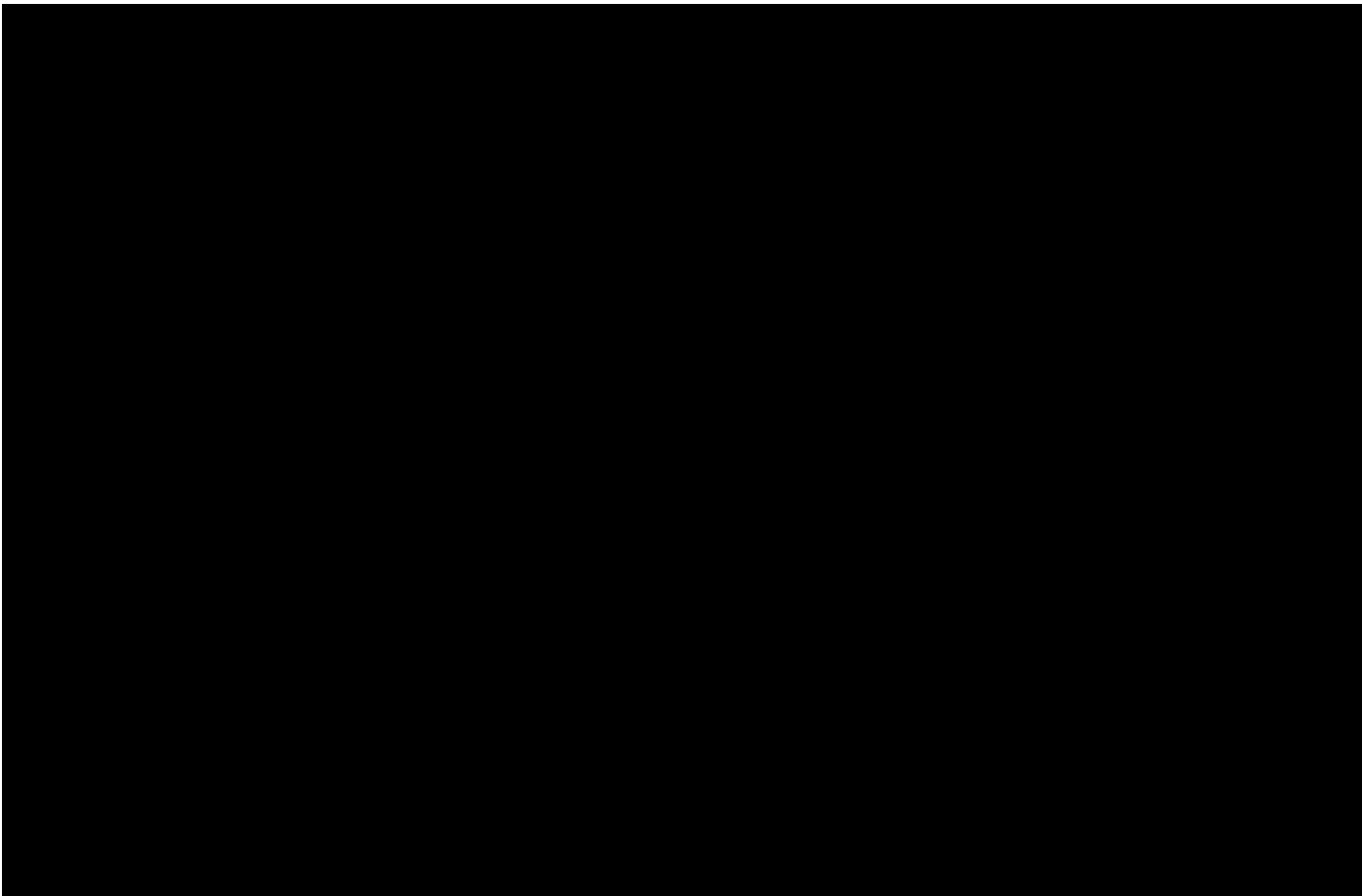


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Date: 19 December 2023 08:56:36

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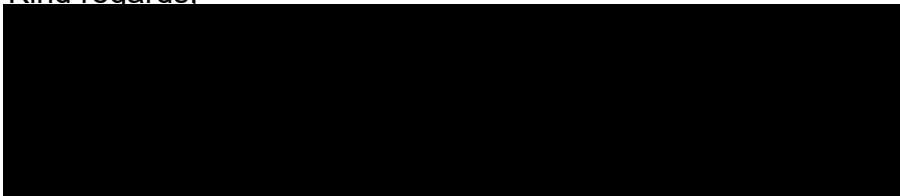
Compensation

[Infected blood scandal compensation payments still not available](#)

(BBC News, Jim Reed, 18 December 2023)

The government has said it is still not in a position to make a final decision on compensation for the victims of the infected blood scandal. Earlier this month, the government lost a key vote designed to speed up the creation of a new body to administer and make payments. Cabinet office minister John Glen said he recognised the anger of victims. But he told the Commons it would be wrong to pre-judge the final report of a public inquiry due next year. "For these reasons, the government is not yet in a position to share any final decisions on compensation," he said.

Kind regards,



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From: [ADAMS, Ian \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION); [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
Subject: RE: PSC sections for the Chief Executive's board report
Date: 21 December 2023 15:59:00
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[image002.jpg](#)

Thanks [REDACTED], and I agree it would be helpful if [REDACTED] had an opportunity in January to update the media section. Ian

From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: 21 December 2023 14:55
To: [REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Cc: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: PSC sections for the Chief Executive's board report

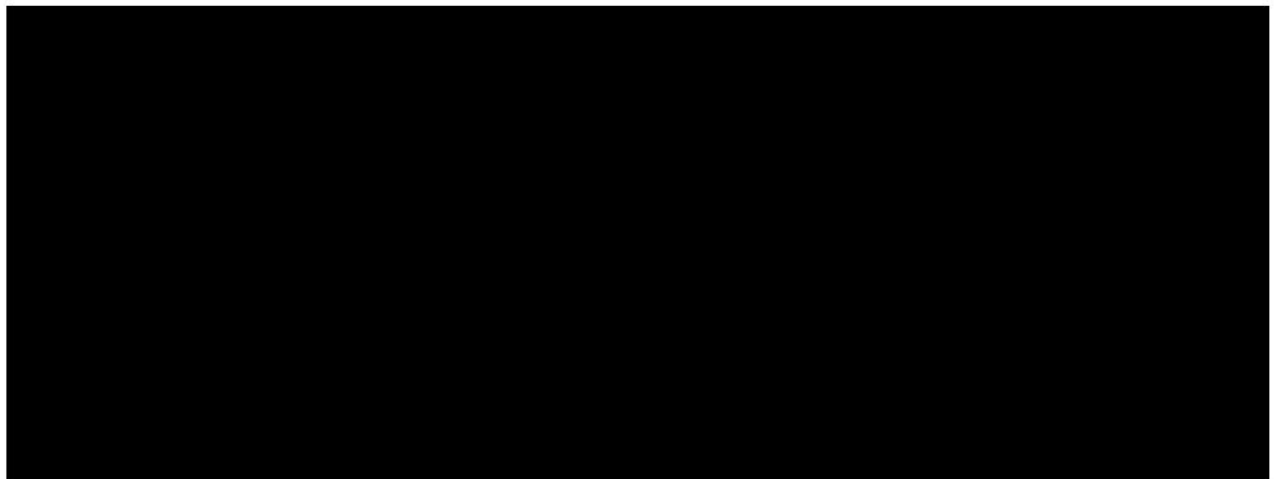
Hi [REDACTED],

This is our proposed contribution to the CE's board report.

[REDACTED] has done the Media update, but I do wonder whether he can update it in January so it's a bit more up to date?

Have a good Christmas break and see you in 2024!

Best, [REDACTED]



Infected Blood (Note - [REDACTED] already sent to Helen/[REDACTED])

On 4 December Dame Dianna Johnson secured an amendment to the Commons Third Reading of the Victims and Prisoners Bill which committed the Government to: *"within three months of the passing of this Act, establish a body to administer the compensation scheme for victims of the infected blood scandal."*

Prior to this the Government's position was that any response to the Infected Blood Inquiry would come after the publication of the final report, expected in March 2024.

As such it is highly likely that a separate body will be established for this purpose, although this may not take the exact form described in the Opposition amendment. This

is because the Government had promised to bring forward its own amendment on the issue as the Bill is considered by the House of Lords. Any scheme would be an addition to existing arrangements for interim payments currently being administered by the NHS Business Services Authority.

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From: [ADAMS, Ian \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [\(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)
Subject: RE: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting
Date: 08 January 2024 10:39:00
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Hi [REDACTED], no nothing from [REDACTED] as far as I can recall. Would you please ask [REDACTED] to set up a meeting with [REDACTED] in the spring – by all means join that meeting yourself. Thanks, Ian

From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: 08 January 2024 09:33
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

Morning,

I'm just closing the loop on this to check if anything ever came your way on this via [REDACTED] DHSC? And whether you need me to follow up on anything?

[REDACTED]

Infected Blood Inquiry [REDACTED]
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From: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 3:14 PM
To: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: FW: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

Thanks again. Ian

From: VERNON, Helen (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 3:13 PM
To: ADAMS, Ian (NHS RESOLUTION) <[REDACTED]@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: Confidential - readout of DHSC ALB DOCs meeting

Thanks – very helpful to see and a good read-out from [REDACTED], for which thanks.
Helen

From: [PRESS \(NHS RESOLUTION\)](#)

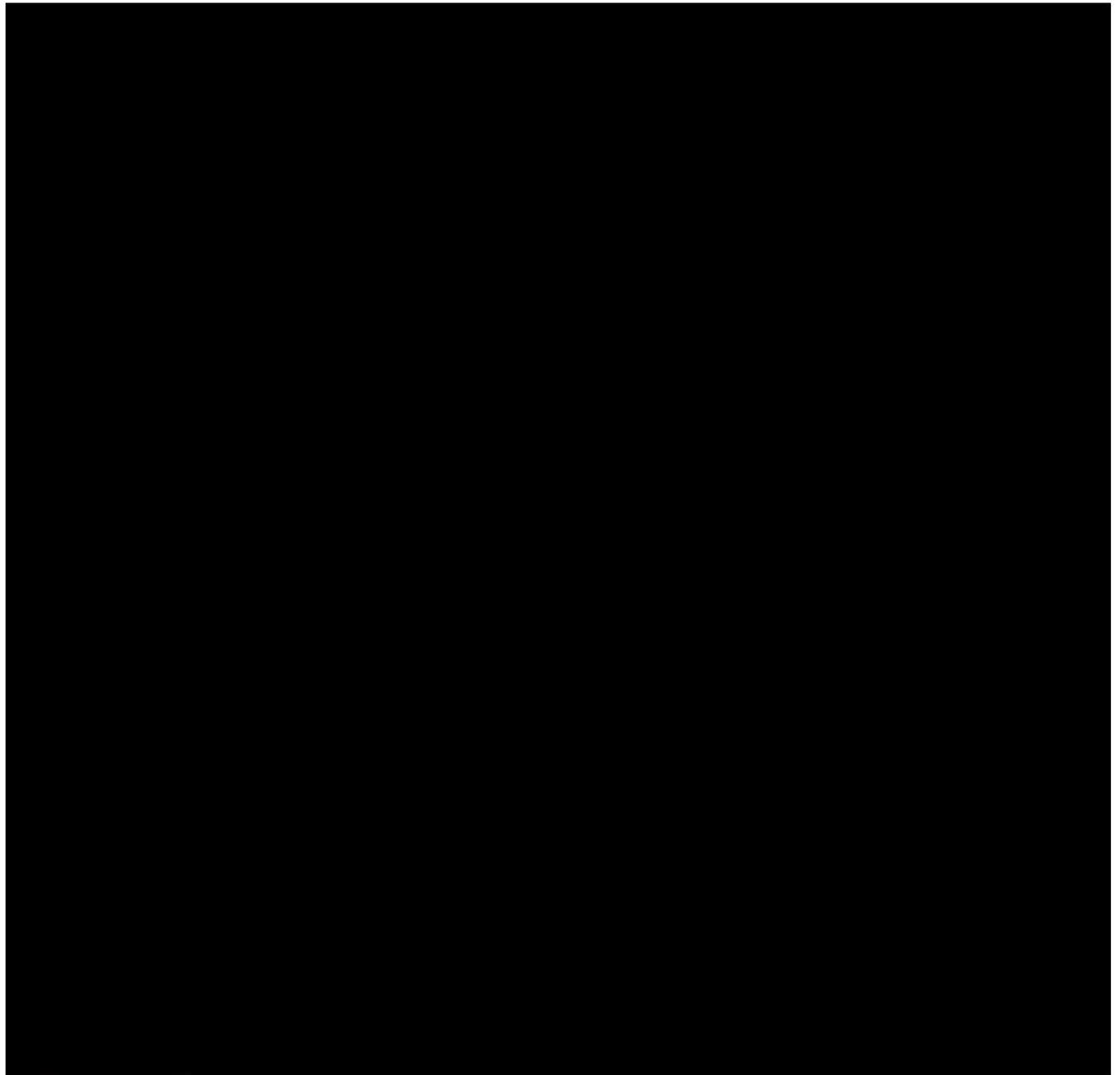
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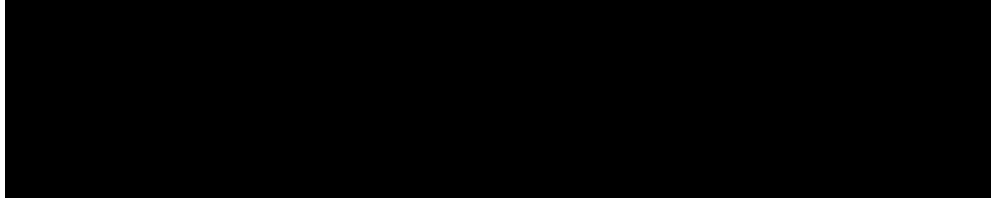
[Ministers urged to speed up compensation for infected blood](#)

(The Times, Oliver Wright and Kaya Burgess, 15 January 2024)

More than 100 MPs from across the political spectrum have demanded that Rishi Sunak speeds up compensation for the victims of contaminated blood, urging

ministers to show the same “determination” as they did in the Post Office scandal. Thousands of people died in what is widely recognised as the worst treatment disaster in the history of the NHS after being given blood products contaminated with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1970s and 1980s. The government has said it is not ready to make a final decision on compensation despite calls by the official inquiry to speed up payments.

Kind regards,



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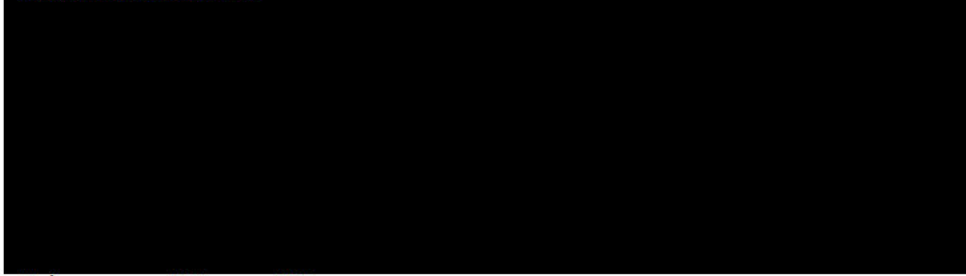
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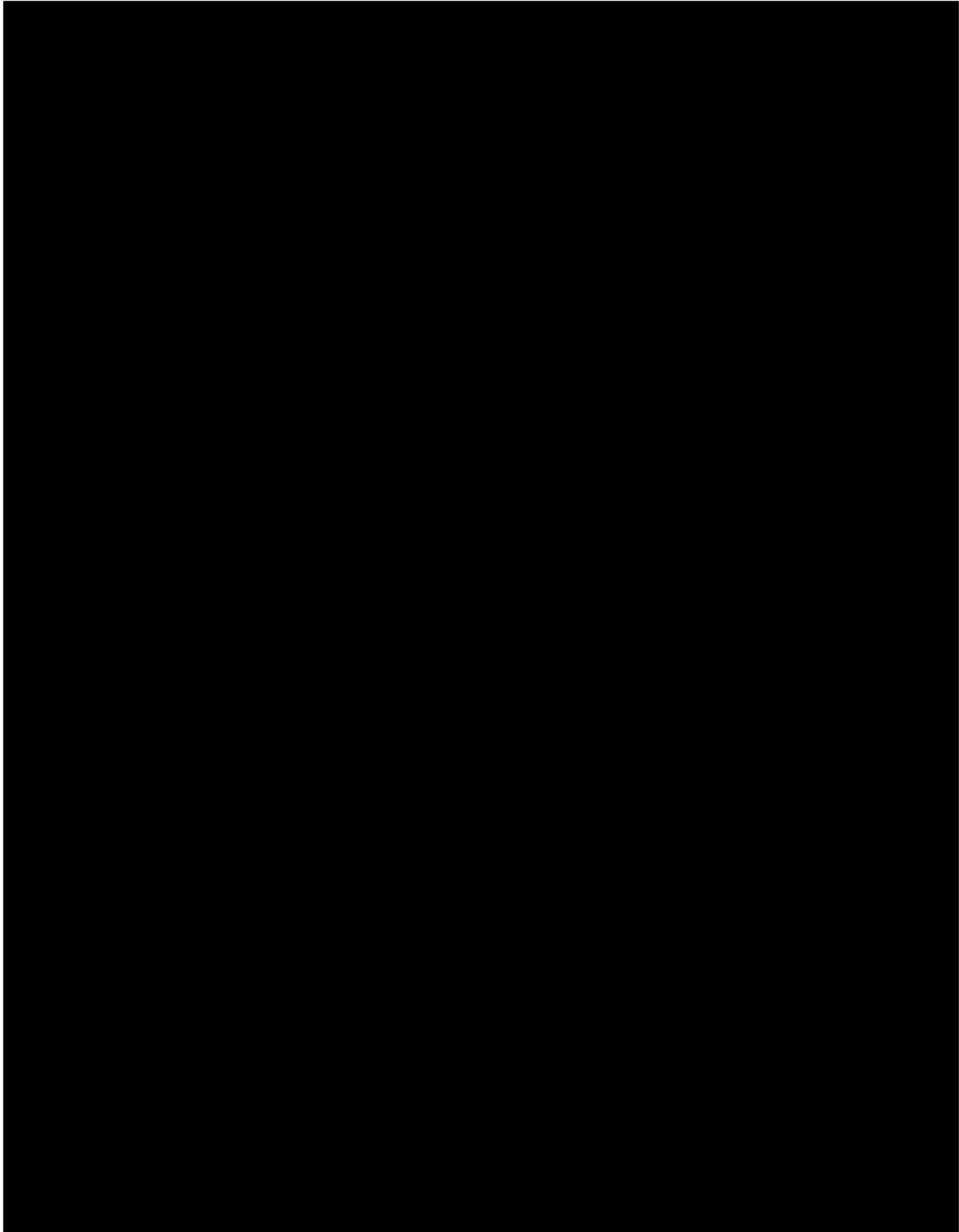
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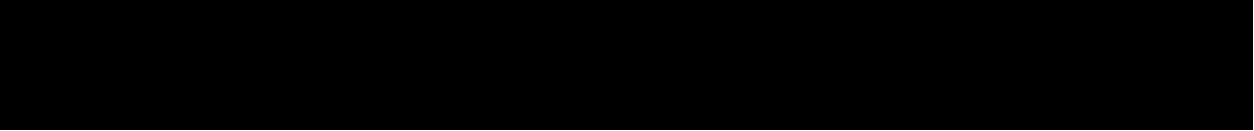
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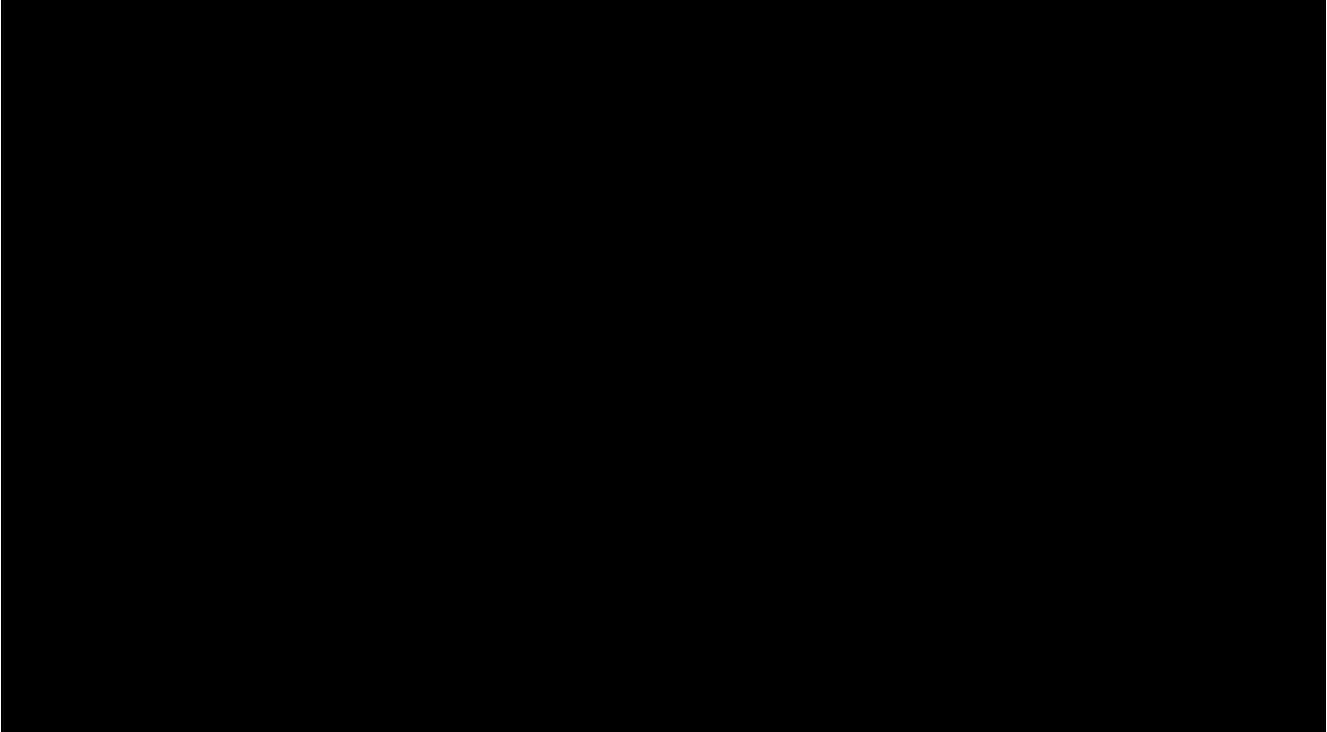


Justice reforms

Final infected blood inquiry report delayed until May

(BBC News, Jim Reed, 17 January 2024)

The publication of a final report into the infected blood scandal has been delayed until May. The chairman of the public inquiry, Sir Brian Langstaff, said more time was needed to prepare "a report of this gravity". Victims and their families were initially told they would learn the findings in autumn last year. That date was pushed back until March, and the inquiry has now confirmed the further delay to 20 May 2024. "I am sorry to tell you that the report will be published later than March. That is not what I had intended," added Sir Brian. "When I reviewed the plans for publication, I nonetheless had to accept that a limited amount of further time is needed to publish a report of this gravity and do justice to what has happened."



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From: [REDACTED] (NHS RESOLUTION)
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Dear Colleagues

Attached is the latest Bulletin for NEDs, Associate NEDs and Independent Committee Members.

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Ministers urged to speed up compensation for infected blood

(The Times, 15 Jan 2024)

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