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By email

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Dear Mr Pengelly,

Infected Blood Inquiry

Thank you for the support for the Inquiry of the Health and Social Care bodies in Northern Ireland. The Inquiry is receiving large volumes of material and appreciates the work across Northern Ireland that has contributed to that.

Your letter of 24 August confirmed that fees would be waived for people infected and affected accessing and obtaining copies of their medical records. However, some people are experiencing delays accessing medical records and this is understandably causing distress and delay for those who would otherwise be ready to give witness statements.

Your actions in reducing these delays would assist the Inquiry in hearing first from people infected and affected. It is vital that those who wish to review contemporaneous records are able to do so without any further delays and I would ask that you take the necessary measures to ensure this is the case.

A copy of this letter will be published on the Inquiry's website.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Brian Langstaff

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