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Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP  
HM Paymaster General

29 July 2022

Dear Minister,

I enclose an interim report under section 24(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005.

As you will read, it was the force of Sir Robert Francis QC's recommendation of an interim payment, as amplified by him in the course of his oral evidence to the Inquiry, that caused me to reflect on whether I should exercise my powers to make such a report.

I believed that elementary justice required that I consider this question. No submission made to me argued that I should not make a recommendation. Having considered the submissions and reflected on the evidence this Inquiry has heard of profound physical and mental suffering across a wide range of backgrounds, from a diversity of places and in a variety of personal circumstances, I considered it right that I should make this report.

I recommend that:

- (1) An interim payment should be paid, without delay, to all those infected and all bereaved partners currently registered on UK infected blood support schemes, and those who register between now and the inception of any future scheme;
- (2) The amount should be no less than £100,000, as recommended by Sir Robert Francis QC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian J Langstaff".

Sir Brian Langstaff

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