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Dear Sir Brian,

When I wrote to you on 30 March I told you about my intention to appoint an independent reviewer to carry out a study to look at options for a framework for compensation in advance of the Inquiry reporting, and to report back to me with recommendations.

I am pleased to be able to let you know that I am appointing Sir Robert Francis QC to lead that review.

As you know, Sir Robert brings vast legal expertise as well as his knowledge, background and experience in medical ethics, clinical negligence work, and his career focus on healthcare. His experience of chairing public inquiries is of particular benefit as he brings with him an understanding of the role of the Infected Blood Inquiry, how important it is that the study does not cut across the work of the Inquiry, or duplicate its work.

I hope that this appointment will give you confidence that the study will be independent, thorough, detailed and meaningful. I look forward to receiving his findings.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Mordaunt'.

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