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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Diana

Thank you and Sir Peter for your letter of 18 September about the Infected Blood Inquiry.

As I said in my 2017 statement, the contaminated blood scandal of the 1970s and 1980s is a devastating tragedy which should never have happened. As you mention, it is incredibly sad that thousands did not live to see this Inquiry. However, I am determined that the infected and affected, who have suffered so much pain and hardship for so long, have the answers to how this could have possibly occurred.

It is very important that the Inquiry can complete its important work as quickly as a thorough examination of the facts allows. Please be assured that the Government is committed to ensuring the Inquiry has all the resources it needs and will cooperate fully in providing evidence. I am sure that all those called to give evidence to the Inquiry, including politicians from all parties, will wish to do so and I believe that they should do so.

I hope that this reassures you that the Government is absolutely dedicated to a thorough and transparent independent Inquiry.

Yours ever
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Ms Diana Johnson MP