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Dear Sir Brian,

I last wrote to you on 20 May, announcing the appointment of Sir Robert Francis QC to lead an independent study into a framework for compensation for the victims of the Infected Blood tragedy.

On 14 June, Sir Robert launched a consultation on the Terms of Reference for this study. The consultation will look at the suggested scope for the study from people directly impacted, and others with an interest.

The purpose of this study is to ensure there is no unnecessary delay in implementing any potential recommendations by the Inquiry in relation to compensation or levels of financial support.

Full details of the consultation have been published on GOV.UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infected-blood-compensation-framework-study-consultation-on-terms-of-reference>

Sir Robert is keen to receive comments on the suggested scope for the study and we are advising that written comments or views should be sent to Sir Robert at ibcompframeworkstudy@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

The consultation will conclude on 26 July 2021 and Sir Robert will consider all responses before submitting proposals to me for decision. The Terms of Reference will be published shortly afterwards.

It is not the intention of the study to interfere with the work of the Inquiry or compromise its findings in any way but to take account of evidence heard and the views of the community. Sir Robert is keen to hear directly from infected and affected people and this study is not intended to re-run the legal submissions made to the Inquiry. Participants can of course engage legal representation to present their contributions, but we do not think this will be necessary.

I hope you find this update helpful. I am hoping to attend a session of the Inquiry very soon to hear for myself the impact this tragedy has had on the lives of the people affected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Mordaunt', written in a cursive style.

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