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13 June 2019

Dear Dai,

I write following your exchange with the Trefnydd, in the Senedd on 11 June, where you requested an update on the work we are undertaking in regard to the ex-gratia payments available to those infected/and or affected by the Infected Blood Scandal.

The announcement made on 30 April 2019 by the Prime Minister was as you know unexpected. We were unsighted on the details, despite recent UK ministers' commitments to a four nation approach. The uplift announced for those infected and affected on the English Infected Blood Scheme will have no consequential uplift for the Devolved Administrations.

Following a meeting in January 2019, where those affected put forward their proposals for parity across the current schemes, officials from the Devolved Administrations and the Department of Health have met twice via telecom to discuss the next steps. As a result of these meetings the Department of Health has agreed to prepare a paper detailing the 4 UK schemes and we have provided details of our scheme administered by WIBSS. Any new scheme would need to incorporate aspects requested by those affected, for example in Wales we would wish to see our holistic wrap-around support services retained.

The Department of Health is arranging a meeting of the UK Health Ministers and a senior representative from Northern Ireland before the summer recess to discuss further.

This is not an issue that can be dealt with quickly. Any future scheme will require the input of those affected and I expect a consultation exercise will take place before any decision is made on the way forward. Any new scheme will need to be flexible enough to allow for any changes the Infected Blood Inquiry may wish to make in the long term.

We remain committed to working across the UK to ensure parity of the schemes and my officials will continue to work with their counterparts to achieve this.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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