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Dear Alan,

I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State to formally confirm that the Government is making available today an ex-gratia payment of £1/2 million to endow the Eileen Trust for the purpose of providing financial assistance to needy HIV infected blood and tissue recipients and their needy dependants throughout the United Kingdom.

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record the understanding between us in relation to the links between the Eileen Trust and the Macfarlane Trust.

We are agreed that the new trust for HIV infected blood and tissue recipients is an independent trust and that its Trustees are appointed in their own right by the Secretary of State to serve the interests of the new beneficiaries.

Equally, all of us recognise the advantages to the new trust of sharing the experience of Trustees of the Macfarlane Trust and receiving administrative support from it. The trustees of the Eileen Trust will decide the administrative arrangements but in anticipation of agreement of the new trustees we have discussed such links between the two trusts.

We recognise the Macfarlane Trust's concerns that its primary interest in serving the needs of those with haemophilia and HIV should not be put in jeopardy through the demands of the new trust. We fully understand that the Macfarlane Trust wishes to reserve the right to terminate support services for the Eileen Trust if the burden of those services becomes such that the Macfarlane Trust no longer thinks it right to provide them.

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We therefore propose, and seek confirmation of the Macfarlane Trust's agreement to the following understanding. For as long as the Macfarlane Trust is providing the administration for the Eileen Trust, the Secretary of State will seek nominations from the Macfarlane Trust for 3 of the trustees, which will include one of the Secretary of State's appointees on the Macfarlane Trust. It is also understood between us that if the new trust uses the Macfarlane Trust for its administrative support, the Macfarlane Trust will have the right to terminate the agreement subject to giving 3 months notice to the Eileen Trust.

I would be grateful for your confirmation that we can formally place this understanding on record.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to the Trustees of both Trusts in their work.

A letter will follow setting out the usual kinds of requirements for eg annual reports and accounts.

Yours sincerely



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