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Dear

I am writing to provide a correction to an answer I gave during the debate on the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme on 21 April 2026.

In my response to the important points raised during the debate, I explained that one of the most compelling things we heard from the community in response to our consultation was that the compensation scheme does not sufficiently recognise the profound impact of infection during childhood, and that we would be making a further change to the scheme to address this. I went on to say that a new 50% increase to the core autonomy award for people infected in childhood would be for those infected at the age of 18 or under.

I am writing to you now to clarify that the award will be available for those infected under the age of 18.

I am sorry for this regrettable error and any misunderstanding this may have caused. Those eligible to claim, and those, including in our House, with an interest in the Government's progress in delivering compensation, rightly expect and deserve clear, consistent information about the compensation scheme and I apologise that this was not the case in this instance. It was regrettable use of the incorrect form of words and I would like to assure you we have now taken steps to clarify this.

We have contacted the Infected Blood community representative groups to clarify the award eligibility. In addition, I can also reassure you that the Government's policy 'explainer' document on GOV.UK has been updated to reflect the changes to the compensation scheme set out in the 4th regulations, including the correct eligibility criteria for this award. The existing provisions in the compensation scheme treat anyone under the age of 18 as a child where their age is relevant to the amount of compensation they receive. This new award has always been intended to align with that position, and it is on this basis that the 4th Infected Blood Compensation Scheme regulations were laid on 18 June. People infected at age 18 do, of course, remain eligible for full compensation through IBCA.

Thank you, as always, for taking the time to engage on this important topic and please accept my personal apologies for this regrettable error. I hope this clarification is helpful. I am copying

this letter to all colleagues who contributed during the debate and will place a copy in the House library.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Anderson', with a large, sweeping initial 'P'.

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