

The Government's announcement of an inquiry into contaminated blood is long overdue – Sharon Hodgson

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Hodgson, Labour's Shadow Minister for Public Health, commenting on the news there is to be an inquiry into how thousands of people were infected with contaminated blood transfusions, said:

“The Government's announcement of an inquiry into contaminated blood is long overdue. Labour will be working with campaigners to scrutinise the announcement and make sure this inquiry finally delivers justice for the families of the victims of this appalling tragedy.

“The inquiry should deliver full disclosure of documents relating to the disaster, through a process managed by the victims and should compel parties involved in the scandal to participate fully. It must investigate not just the events leading up to individuals' infection, but the aftermath as well.

“There are a number of recent allegations about the conduct of public officials and the treatment of the victims which need to be fully and transparently addressed. The victims and their families have suffered for too long and the Government should provide every possible support to them in their quest for truth.”