

Sharon Hodgson response to recent developments on the inquiry into the Contaminated Blood Scandal

Sharon Hodgson MP, Labour's Shadow

Minister for Public Health, responding

to recent developments on the inquiry into the Contaminated Blood Scandal, said:

"The Government is running roughshod over the affected community, who have campaigned for justice for so long.

"The community have not been sufficiently consulted on the terms of reference of the inquiry and the Government has left open the possibility that the Department of Health could lead on it, despite the Department's role in the contaminated blood scandal.

"Over recent days there has been growing opposition from the affected community, campaigners, organisations and MPs from across Parliament. The Department of Health should have no involvement in the inquiry and it should be transferred to another Department.

"Ministers must now keep their promises, place the affected community genuinely at the centre of this inquiry, and ensure their views are taken seriously."