Campaign in Court

The Haemophilia Society itself in not involved in any legal action at the moment. However, as a core participant in the Penrose Inquiry we are represented by Thompson's Solicitors.

We are also aware that several of our members are involved in legal actions in relation to the contaminated blood campaign.

The campaign recently saw a historic legal victory in Scotland where a Judicial Review ruled that, under article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the UK had a duty to hold an inquiry when someone dies as a result of actions of the state. This was demonstrated not to have happend in at least two cases in Scotland and as a direct result of this ruling the Penrose Inquiry was set up. The Haemophilia Society underwrote some of the legal costs for this judicial review and many members in Scotland contributed generously to a fighting fund.

The outgoing Government's decision not to implement the Archer Inquiry 6(h) has been defeated at Judicial Review. Details of the judgement can be found by following the link below. The new Government have announced that they will not appeal the decision and are now reviewing their policy. We believe that they must respond by the 21st of September.

On the right of this page is a list of law firms who are currently involved with these judicial review and cases. The Soceity cannot recommend or endorse any firm and these links are here for information only.

Judgements

- March 2010 Judicial Review

  This is the judgement from the he Judicial Review heard by the High Court on 25th and 26th of March.

- Scottish Judicial Review

  Lord MacKay established need for a Scottish Inquiry (5 Feb 2008)

For more information, please contact Dan Farthing, Policy & Communications Manager.

Law Firms

- Michelmores
- Irwin Mitchell
- Thompsons

  Frank Maguire led the Judicial Review in Scotland.

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