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PRIME MINISTER

You asked about haemophiliacs and how the lump sum payments would affect income-related benefits.

DSS have confirmed that lump sum and other payments from the Macfarlane Trust are disregarded for the purposes of all income-related benefits. This has been the position since 1987. Technically, because the new lump sum payments are coming from another Trust from within the Macfarlane umbrella, they need a new regulation to enable payments to be disregarded for benefit purposes. DSS are laying such regulations on Wednesday 20 December.


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I have signed the
Lansdowne letter - but please
check the social security point.
Surely a lump ~~sum~~ sum payment
of £20,000 will exclude people
from housing benefit or income support
on the grounds of personal capital?
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