

Monstrous betrayal of the blood victims

If 2,000 innocent people were killed in an avoidable accident, there would be a period of national mourning and an immediate public inquiry.

Yet that is how many British haemophiliacs have died as a result of being infected by HIV or hepatitis C, caught from blood imported from the United States in the Seventies and Eighties.

Blood imports continued even after health ministers knew full well that it was being collected from prisoners and drug addicts on Skid Row.

Sufferers like 52-year-old Haydn Lewis were not even told in time that they had been infected with HIV.

Haydn passed it on to his wife, Gaynor, causing even more stress to his family.

In France, this same scandal saw both the prime minister and the health minister charged with manslaughter.

In Britain, ministers and civil servants seem to have 'misaid' vital documents and have not even had the guts to hold an official inquiry.

Frankly, I am ashamed to live in a country where so much needless suffering has been caused by a terrible blunder and so little has been done to compensate the victims.

Those responsible should examine their conscience. If they haven't 'misaid' it.