

**Question for written answer E-003401/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Dame Glenis Willmott (S&D)**

Subject: Contaminated blood scandals

From the 1970s until the early 1980s, thousands of people in the UK were infected with HIV and/or Hepatitis C after receiving contaminated blood.

Similar incidents also occurred in France, Ireland, Italy and Portugal.

In 2002, the EU adopted Directive 2002/98/EC setting standards of quality and safety for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human blood and blood components, which includes strong haemocovigilance requirements.

To date, no one has taken responsibility for the scandal in the UK and, although various funds have been set up to provide support to victims, no direct compensation has been paid.

Is the Commission aware of these scandals in various EU countries and is it monitoring the situation in terms of treatment and support provided to victims?

What compensation and/or support schemes are in place in other EU countries to support people affected by these scandals?