

## **UK Infected Blood Payment Schemes Teleconference – 10 July 2018**

### Attendees:

England: Ginny Belson and Emily Coelho  
Scotland: Sam Baker  
Northern Ireland: Karen Simpson

A warm welcome was extended to Emily who was new to the DH team

Apologies: Donna McInnes & Andrew Holmes

### **Country Updates**

#### Scotland:

- Clinical Review is due to be published 11 July – link to document will follow
- Government response will follow in due course, looking to make a decision by the end of July
- No proactive publicity planned for the launch - defensive lines to take provided for press office
- Scheme Document - the following minor tweaks are under consideration:
  1. Prisoners – annual payments will stop while lump sum payments will continue
  2. Stage 2 criteria – query alcohol abuse being attributable to the condition
  3. Refusing treatment - would they have progressed to Stage 2 if treatment had been given

#### Wales:

- Discretionary Fund – currently undertaking a review with WIBSS
- SCM or similar – setup a group with professionals to consider our approach which includes a “do nothing option”
- Anti D treatment – taken the agreed line of no harm following consultation with the other DAs and Medical Director for the Welsh Blood Service

#### Northern Ireland:

- Considering SCM – no lobbying from those affected
- Payment rates – taking the same line as England
- No Government and therefore unable to move policy forward

#### England:

- Discretionary scheme paperwork has issued to those affected – closing date for income top up applications is 11 July
- Not anticipating any issues, with monies being backdated to April 2018. In future payments will be assessed Jan/Feb of each year
- No one will be worse off than under the Caxton/McFarlane schemes

EIBSS/SIBSS:

- It was agreed that recipients are unable to claim twice ie 2 countries at the same time.
- Recipients are now no longer able to move between schemes

Inquiry Update:

- Scotland & Wales confirmed that their had received a letter re retention of records and waiver of payment for copy documents addressed to their NHS Chief Executives
- Northern Ireland confirmed that the Inquiry did extend to them
- The Celtic nations confirmed that meetings had been held or were being held with their scheme recipients

HIV Monies:

- DH to issue a note on payments in the near future

Next meeting:

- 18 September 2018

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