

## **Cross UK T/C Infected Blood**

**Monday 14 January 2019**

Attendees: Ginny Belson  
Catherine Cody  
Sam Baker  
Paul Sorensen

Apologies: Emily Coelho  
Karen Simpson

### **Ministerial Meeting with IBI**

The meeting between the IBI and PS(MHISP) was discussed briefly. GB explained that this meeting had been instigated by the IBI Team and Tim Jones was, therefore, the lead for DHSC and IB policy team members would not be attending. GB explained that, as she understood it, the DAs were to be invited to attend as well as if parity of support was to be discussed input from DAs would be essential.

### **Welsh SCM Scheme**

CC provided an update on the Wales SCM scheme to be offered to their hepatitis C Stage 1 beneficiaries. This scheme would be based on a self-assessment as per the Scottish scheme.

As part of being awarded the SCM payment beneficiaries would be required to undergo an assessment to help develop a package of bespoke support from the scheme including counselling and other emotional/psychological support. This support was something that had been requested by beneficiaries to help with day to day living and wellbeing.

It was noted this package of support would also be available to other beneficiaries if requested.

It was assumed that about 70% of hep C stage 1 beneficiaries under the Welsh scheme would apply – c.200 people.

The SCM would provide Stage 2 regular payments but no lump sum as per the SCM in England.

A submission had gone to Welsh Ministers before Christmas recommending this approach.

CC to let all know when the scheme was going live.

The Welsh scheme was also making some in-house counsellors/psychologists available – this was being worked up by enhancing other services already provided by the administrators of the Welsh scheme.

### **Wellbeing support in Scotland**

SB provided a useful summary of the wellbeing support provided in Scotland.

A pilot had been launched looking at providing psychological support to people with haemophilia – not permanently commissioned as yet.

Other beneficiaries could access funding for this type of support from the Scottish scheme.

**Audit**

SB commented that they had undergone an audit and this had questioned why the files held by AH had not been transferred as this created risk to the scheme as no cross checking could be carried out.