

Infected Blood – four nations teleconference – 22 March 2019

Attendees

Emily Coehlo – DHSC
Karen Simpson – Northern Irish administration
Catherine Cody – Welsh Government
Sam Baker – Scottish Government
Paul Sorensen – Scottish Government

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DHSC to send minute to Ministers hopefully next week and would share draft minute. Scottish Government has drafted initial advice, also to go next week. Northern Ireland and Welsh Government also working on drafting their submissions. It was agreed that timing of an announcement would be agreed once Ministers' positions were clearer.

NHSBT's contract with Poland can be altered from June. Emily to check the end date of that contract.

Infected Blood schemes

DHSC under continued pressure from the IBI on funding. DHSC has put advice to Ministers, but no response yet. Any changes would be for England only. DHSC to let us know once there is a view from Ministers.

Wales and Scotland are not likely to be able to increase funding following recent increases in their Stage 1 funding. Northern Irish administration is not likely to be able to make a decision on extra funding at the moment due to not having Ministers.

Welsh SCM announcement made. Beneficiaries need to apply by the end of April. It has been well received.