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Ben - thanks for the briefing note.

Debby/Rowena - thanks for coming over to brief PS(PH) and (Debby) for supporting her during the meeting.

The Meeting

Chris Fitzgerald (CF) and Peter Stevens (PS) explained how the Schemes operated and went on to main the following points:

- Certainty and security was important to those affected by contaminated blood. They didn't want to worry about their dependants future.
- The fixed/non-discretionary payments agreed post Archer ought to have been in the

region of £17k (and not £12.8k).

- Government should consider calibrated payments starting from £17k depending on status eg if single, £17k, if married £17k + £x and if married with children £17k + £y.
- a lump sum payment on death of infectee because they can't get life insurance
- not sure what to do to improve Shipton Fund recipients' situation or address any perceived anomalies - nothing is known about their dependants etc because they only get one or two lump sums.
- suggested that we invite a representative of the Hepatitis C Trust to PS(PH)'s meeting with patient representatives

PS(PH) acknowledged that this was a difficult and tragic issue. She asked CF and PS to work with officials where possible. She stressed the fact that there was no money but asked them how much they thought it would cost to do what they suggested.

Action points

- to invite Hep C Trust to meeting with patient representatives (**done - telephone call and email to Mr Gore's office at Hep C Trust earlier this afternoon**)
- to obtain a medical opinion of Hep C Stage 2 health compared to that of someone living with HIV/AIDS.
- Yemi to attend officials' meeting with CF and PS - on Monday, 19 July.
- CF and PS to provide costings as requested by PS(PH)
- to get a feel from DWP about what is a reasonable payment for someone living with a disability ie something to compare the current £12.8k with. This was something PS(PH) raised after the meeting.

I hope this about covers it. Debby, we can discuss timescales etc before the meeting on Monday.

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Yemi

Attached is the brief for the meeting with the Chairs of the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts and the Skipton Fund, tomorrow.

Ben

Brief



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Annex A



Macfarlane Trust letter.pdf



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