

# Infected Blood

Compensation Authority



## Policy Forum Minutes

02-05-2025 ExCo

11:30-12:10

**Attendees:** Celine McLoughlin (Chair), [GRO-D] Alix Crabtree, [GRO-D] [GRO-D] [GRO-D] [GRO-D] Tom Carney, [GRO-D] [GRO-D]

**Item 1:** [GRO-D] gave an update on the the Hepatitis B (post-1972) workstreams currently being explored by the team. These include:

- Data Workstream, led by Alix Crabtree leading
- Engagement with various expert groups
- a workshop planned for 6 of May to help scope the work.
- [GRO-D] shared feedback from a couple of live claims, where people claiming expressed a preference to be paid initially for a mono-infection, with the option for a top-up later. **The Chair noted to take this feedback to inform the ExCo decision.**

**Item 2:** [GRO-D] gave an overview of ongoing work to set up probation arrangements with other departments and to design claim manager guidance for handling death during a claim.

- [GRO-D] asked if there are any urgent gaps that need addressing to support live operations. [GRO-D] noted that we had a death two weeks ago, during which the squads pulled together a condolence letter and email to the family. [GRO-D] is working on content design for a number of 'unhappy paths'. **Agreed to discuss in the Advisory and Coordination squad about how to approach the missing content in a more strategic way.**

**Item 3:** [GRO-D] presented [the Policy Backlog spreadsheet](#) and showed the items at the top of the backlog. A link with commenter access was shared. **Action: The Chair invited everyone to review [the spreadsheet](#) and flag any missing items or those that seem too low in priority.**