

Hepatitis C scheme

The setting up of the Scheme has taken longer than hoped because of a number of reasons:

- Officials had to set up the Skipton Fund as a limited company because the ex-gratia one off payment could not be regarded as a charity.
- Officials had to set up a working group of hepatologists and haematologists to advise us on the criteria for the second payment.
- Officials also had to devise an application process which was as user friendly as possible.

All this against a background of bitter opposition to the scheme from some quarters.

Officials are meeting with patient groups today (Monday 17th May) to finalise the application forms after which we should be ready to go.

Officials envisage application forms being sent out early June and the Skipton Fund being open for business

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Thanks - keep
me updated & M.
need a 28 day prior notice