

## UK HEALTH DEPARTMENTS – CATCH-UP CALL 21 NOVEMBER 2018

Present

### Northern Ireland

Karen Simpson & Miranda Bradley

### Scotland

Sam Baker & Michelle Main

### England

Ginny Belson

Emily Coelho

### Wales

Catherine Cody

Apologies: Andrew Holmes

### HIV Payments – Emily

Scotland, NI and Wales confirmed they were content with the proposed HIV payment figures. A financial transfer will take place once the methodology was agreed.

It was noted that similar funding would be available for the next 2 financial years ie the end of this spending review period.

### Skipton Agreement - Ginny

It was noted that the solicitors who were now responsible for the files from “Alliance House” would only be able to provide information contained in the individual case files. This could cause issues if Country Schemes wished to check on previous payments made as not all files contained complete records when they were transferred across.

The Infected Blood Inquiry can also request information from Russell Cook (Solicitors).

### Clinical Review – Stage 1 – Sam

Applications forms have been issued to those on the current scheme eligible to apply for this enhanced payment. 334 had issued with 204 received back to date (70% returned).

Since the meeting the following rates have been agreed (23/11/2018):

Improved levels of financial support for those with chronic HCV ('Stage 1') are as follows:

- £18,900 per year for those who have self-assessed as severely affected by HCV (which is 70% of the advanced HCV payment level)
- £6,300 per year for those who have self-assessed as moderately affected by HCV
- £1,000 per year for those who have self-assessed that HCV does not have a noticeable day to day impact on their life

For those widows, widowers, civil partners or other long-term partners of deceased beneficiaries who had chronic HCV, they will receive annual payments at 75% of the level above:

- £14,175 per year for those who have self-assessed that their spouse or partner was severely affected by HCV
- £4,725 per year for those who have self-assessed that their spouse or partner was moderately affected by HCV

In addition, those widows, widowers or partners of those who had chronic HCV who did not receive the £30,000 additional lump sum paid to living beneficiaries with chronic HCV will now also receive this one-off lump sum payment.

Northern Ireland - Karen

As there is currently no Executive /Minister in place no decisions will be taken with regard to Stage 1 + payments.

Wales – Catherine

Having met with the clinicians and the WIBSS Steering Board we are to put a proposal to our Cabinet Secretary for Stage 1 + enhancements, which we hope will meet the needs of those infected. Our proposal will broadly be for a scheme to assist with the affects of having received infected blood/blood products or treatments and the effect this has had on their personal lives. It is anticipated that this will involve physiological (counselling) input. The exact scheme details and payments are to be worked through.

We will update as we work through the details.

Catherine Cody  
27/11/2018