

HIV HAEMOPHILIAC SETTLEMENT - COURT HEARING 9 MAY 1991

At the open court hearing on 9 May, Mr Justice Ognall approved the settlement for certain specified infants, and gave indications that other cases where infants were plaintiffs could be submitted to him in writing for approval. He approved the settlement in respect of hospital patients who were unable to act for themselves.

Counsel for the Department informed the Judge that the Trust for payments to be made in respect of the settlement had been set up, and that regulations were to be laid on the social security disregard which would come into effect next week.

For technical reasons, today's hearing had to be in open court, and the figure for infants, £21,500, was mentioned in passing as was the top figure for adults, £60,500, but no others.

Details of the settlement offer have not been announced in open court by the Judge, but he made it clear that there would need to be an announcement by the end of the third week in June, when he would make his observations on the settlement.

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