



**Supporting people infected with the Hepatitis C virus by  
way of contaminated NHS blood products.**

## *Questions & Answers*

**1. OK, it is a charity supporting those who were infected with the Hepatitis C virus, but precisely what is the Caxton Foundation and what will it do for me?**

The Caxton Foundation is one of the results of the Coalition Government's October 2010 announcement to review the financial and other support available to those affected by the Hepatitis C virus through medical treatment that used contaminated NHS blood or blood products.

In January 2011, along with major changes to the non-discretionary payment scheme managed by the Skipton Fund, the Government committed itself to the formation of a dedicated charity, to support those infected and their families, where charitable need and relief could be reasonably demonstrated.

**2. How do I qualify as a potential beneficiary?**

If you have received a Stage 1 or Stage 2 payment from the Skipton Fund, you will qualify as a potential beneficiary. If your deceased partner or direct family member died before 2003 and you have received a payment from the Skipton Fund, you will qualify as a potential beneficiary.

If you are a beneficiary of the Macfarlane or Eileen Trusts (which provide charitable relief to people infected with HIV through medical treatment that used contaminated NHS blood products) and have received payments from the Skipton Fund, you will continue to be eligible to receive help from those charities equivalent to the support available from the Caxton Foundation.

**3. How do I demonstrate charitable need?**

It depends on your individual circumstances, in particular financial. The Foundation will be required to consider your household income, however it is derived; if it seems that the help you are seeking is genuinely necessary and cannot be reasonably financed from your own resources, support will be given.

For example, undergoing treatment for HepC may have a serious impact on your financial circumstances; if that is the case, then you should contact the Caxton Foundation.

**4. Why do I have to demonstrate charitable need?**

It is a legal requirement; a charity such as the Caxton Foundation may not make disbursements where there is no evidence of the need for charitable relief.

### **5. I don't want to "beg" from a charity, it is humiliating.**

For some, this is a natural reaction. The Caxton Foundation trustees and staff will not regard potential beneficiaries in this way and will treat all applications for support on a "one to one" basis and in an empathetic manner.

Although the Caxton Foundation is not a democratic membership organisation, every potential beneficiary is a stakeholder and every potential beneficiary is encouraged to take part in the development of the Foundation's welfare policies.

Visit the website at [www.caxtonfoundation.org.uk](http://www.caxtonfoundation.org.uk)

### **6. Is the Caxton Foundation secure?**

The Foundation regards the safe management of individual beneficiary data as a priority. All staff have signed a confidentiality agreement and any breach of this agreement is treated as a disciplinary offence.

No information will be released to any external organisation, including the Departments of Health, without the specific consent of the individual beneficiary.

You can review your electronic and hard files at any time by prior arrangement.

### **7. Can I visit the office?**

Yes, of course. Just let us know when you want to come so the member of staff you want to see can arrange to be available or take pot luck!

### **8 Any questions?**

Please ring 020 7233 0057 in the first instance and you will be directed to the member of staff you need to talk to:-

Chief Executive – Martin Harvey  
Welfare Manager – Roz Riley  
Welfare Officer – Keisha Hanchard  
Welfare Assistant – Nicole Hornby  
Administration Secretary – Gillian Brown