

Witness Name: Martin Bell

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Exhibits: NIL

Dated: 15 November 2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MARTIN BELL

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9(1) and (2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 31 October 2023.

I, Martin Bell, will say as follows: -

Question 1. On 29 July 2022, the Inquiry Chair announced a recommendation for an interim payment of £100,000 to be paid to people registered on a UK Infected Blood Support Scheme, with the first payments made on 28 October 2022. How many people, who have been paid the £100,000 interim payment in the first year of operation, have registered with the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme since 29 July 2022? Of these registrants, please provide the number of people infected and the number of bereaved partners.

1. Sixty-Two (62) people have registered since 29 July 2023.
2. Of this cohort (62), 37 people are infected and 25 are bereaved partners.

Question 2. What proportion of the total numbers of people infected/bereaved to whom the payment was made in the first year of operation to 28 October 2023 have registered since 29 July 2022? (i.e. the percentage of people infected and percentage of people bereaved).

602 people received the £100,000 since 28th Oct 2023. That is broken down as 488 Infected and 114 Widows. Of these, the following numbers have registered since 29 July 2022:

- Infected - 37, (8%)
- Widows - 25, (4.56%)

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:

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