

The Skipton Fund

Guidance on assessing an application for the £20,000 payment

Evidence is defined as –

- information supplied on an application form;
- authentic documentation (eg. from any NHS establishment, the National Blood Service etc);
- opinion, confirmation or signed authority from a practising clinician; or
- attestation by an authorising signatory that the claimant has no history of intravenous drug misuse.

All questions below refer to the claimant's application form, except when marked *.

Section One (initial assessment)

Is there evidence that the claimant is alive or died between 29 August and 5 July, and has been/was chronically infected with hepatitis C for a period of more than six months?

Yes	Continue with this Section
No	Reject application

Is the claimant a primary infectee (ie. were they directly infected with hepatitis C from NHS blood or blood products)?

Yes	Continue with this Section
No	Go to Section Four

Is the claimant a haemophiliac?

Yes	Go to Section Two
No	Go to Section Three

Section Two (for haemophiliacs)

Is there evidence of NHS treatment with Factor VIII or Factor IX blood products before September 1991?

Yes	Approve application
No	Continue with this Section

Is there evidence of NHS treatment with other blood or blood products (as listed on page 5 of application form) before September 1991?

Yes	Continue with this Section
No	Go to Section Two

Is there evidence that a source of infection other than NHS blood or blood products could be responsible for the claimant's infection?

Yes	Reject application
No	Approve application

Section Three (for non-haemophiliacs)

Is there any evidence to suggest that the claimant's infection occurred because of exposure to NHS blood or blood products before September 1991?

Yes	Continue with this Section
No	Reject application

Is there evidence that a particular incident or course of treatment with any NHS blood product was responsible for the claimant's infection?

Yes Continue with this Section
No Reject application

Is there evidence that a source of infection other than NHS blood or blood products could be responsible for the claimant's infection?

Yes Reject application
No Approve application

Section Four (for indirectly infected claimants)

Is the primary infectee who was the source of the claimant's infection known?

Yes Continue with this Section
No Please establish identity of source*

Is the relationship between the claimant and primary infectee known?

Yes Continue with this Section
No Please establish relationship*

Has the primary infectee made a successful claim to the Skipton Fund?

Yes Continue with this Section
No Reject application pending the above

Is there evidence that a source of infection other than that of exposure to the blood of the primary infectee in a domestic environment (as listed on page 4 of the application form) could be responsible for the claimant's infection?

Yes Reject application
No Continue with this Section

Has the claimant ever been a sexual partner, co-habitee, child or non-paid permanent carer of a haemophiliac primary infectee who has made a successful claim?

Yes Approve application
No Continue with this Section

Has the claimant ever been a sexual partner, co-habitee, child or non-paid permanent carer of a non-haemophiliac primary infectee who has made a successful claim?

Yes Continue with this Section
No Reject application

Does the evidence suggest that intravenous drug misuse can be discounted as a source of transmission?

Yes Approve application
No Reject application

* This information is not recorded on the application form. Please follow-up to establish the primary infectee's name, Skipton Fund reference number, and that they are children of this person, were at some time living with this person or caring for them on a permanent unpaid basis.