

Witness name: Sean Cavens

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Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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**EXHIBIT WITN1146038**

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To [seancavens](mailto:seancavens) **GRO-C**

Date 3 August 2020  
Our Ref INFO 2020-000294  
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Dear Mr Cavens

**Freedom of Information Reference: INFO 2020-000294**

Thank you for your freedom of information request which we received on 3 August 2020. You requested the following information:

- 1) *How many beneficiaries are registered with the Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme?*
- 2) *How many are in each category? For example, HIV + Hep C, HIV, Hep C.  
NB please provide breakdown of chronic Hep C category to include severe, moderate and not affected.*
- 3) *Since July 2017, how many Scottish victims have died?*
- 4) *Since the last day of the Infected Blood Inquiry hearings on 28/2/20, how many Scottish victims have died?*

I can confirm that NSS Practitioner Services strategic business unit does hold the information for your request. Attached is a spreadsheet containing the data which is correct as at 3 August 2020.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director of Corporate Affairs and Compliance, NHS National Services Scotland, Headquarters, Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9EB within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#). If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

**GRO-C**

**Fraser Paterson**  
Chair, Information Governance



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Number of SIBSS Scheme Members as at 03/08/2020

Category	Total
Payment Scheme - Advanced HCV (Stage 2)	157
Payment Scheme - Chronic HCV (Stage 1)	97
Payment Scheme - Chronic HCV (Stage 1) - Moderately Affected	90
Payment Scheme - Chronic HCV (Stage 1) - Severely Affected	164
Payment Scheme - Coinfected	28
Payment Scheme - HIV	6
Total	542

Deceased since 01/07/2017 53

Deceased since 28/02/2020 11