

Witness Name: Brendan Brown

Statement No: **WITN4496028**

Exhibits: **WITN4496029**

Dated: 25 August 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BRENDAN BROWN

I, Brendan Brown, Chief Operating Officer of National Health Service Business Services Authority ("NHSBSA"), will say as follows: -

1. I provide this statement on behalf of the England Infected Blood Support Scheme ("EIBSS") in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 22 July 2022. As with my first nine statements, this statement is based on information available to the NHSBSA from its records of the EIBSS and the knowledge of members of the EIBSS team. I have made clear where the information is from my own personal knowledge.

Section 1: Introduction

2. My full name is Brendan Craig McMahon-Brown (known as Brendan Brown), and I am the Chief Operating Officer at NHSBSA as from 1 February 2022. Prior to this date, I was the Director of Citizen Services at NHSBSA, and this fact is reflected in my previous statements. My role is based at Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newburn Riverside, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 8NY. Details of my professional background and career are set out in my first statement.

Section 2: Response to Rule 9 request

3. I have structured my response below in a question-and-answer format, for ease of reference and completeness. For every answer provided I have included the relevant notes and caveats for the information provided.

4. I have provided the answers to questions 4, 6, 8, 10, 11 & 12 in keeping with the Rule 9 due date of 19 August 2022, as agreed with the Infected Blood Inquiry by email on 28 July 2022.
5. I confirm that wherever possible our responses have been structured to provide the most detailed level of data possible. This is in keeping with the rule 9 request *“When answering the below questions, where not otherwise indicated, please disseminate the information by year since EIBSS’ inception, in addition to total cumulative figures.”*
6. Q4) *Of the total number of beneficiaries registered with the scheme, please confirm how many were enrolled to receive support who were not directly infected, i.e. affected individuals, since the inception of the scheme:*
 - a. *Please provide the Inquiry with the total number of such individuals who were affected by hepatitis C caused by:*
 - i. *Blood transfusions;*
 - ii. *Blood products.*
 - b. *Please provide the Inquiry with the total number of such individuals who were affected by HIV caused by:*
 - i. *Blood transfusions;*
 - ii. *Blood products.*

NHSBSA response is provided below:

Table 1: Affected Bereaved Partner Beneficiaries registered

Category		pre 01/11/2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023 (to 30/06/2022)	Total
Bereaved	Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)	45	8	4	6	11	6	1	81
	Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)	148	8	17	22	16	12		223
	Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)	52		1		1			54
	Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)	87	3	1		1			92
	Bereaved (HIV & SCM)						1		1
	Bereaved (HIV)	55					2		57
	Bereaved (SCM)		2	4		6	3		15
Bereaved Total		387	21	27	28	35	24	1	523
Bereaved & Infected	Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)			1					1
	Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)					1			1
	Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)	5							5
	Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)	7							7
	Bereaved (HIV & SCM)								0
	Bereaved (HIV)	9							9
	Bereaved (SCM)						1		1
Bereaved & Infected Total		21		1		1	1		24
Total		408	21	28	28	36	25	1	547

Table 2: Affected Carers, Dependents & living Partner/Spouse registered

Category	Linked Beneficiary Group	pre 01/11/2017	2017-2018	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
Carers & Dependents	Advanced HCV (Stage 2)	10	3		1	14
	Chronic HCV (Stage 1)	14	2	1		17
	Co-infected	9	1			10
	Co-infected (Stage 1)	1				1
	Co-infected (Stage 2)		1			1
	HIV	1	3			4
	Other		5	1	1	7
Partner/Spouse	Chronic HCV (Stage 1)		2			2
	Co-infected	1				1
Total		36	17	2	2	57

Notes/Caveats

- Tables 1 & 2 include all affected beneficiaries. Source information is from the account of the linked infected beneficiary as at the date of their death.
- The scheme may not have been informed of date of death for some time.
- EIBSS cannot provide data to show where Hepatitis C and/or HIV infection has been caused by either a) blood transfusion or b) blood products. This information is not stored as part of an application to the scheme.
- The data in Tables 1 & 2 is correct as at 12/08/2022.
- Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].

- Q6) Of the total number of beneficiaries registered with the scheme, please set out how many were eligible due to having been infected secondarily e.g. by a partner or family member who was infected with hepatitis C or HIV, as a result of having received infected blood or blood products disseminated by infection.

NHSBSA response is provided below:

Table 1: All living secondary-infected beneficiaries

Infection (Living)	pre 01/11/2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
Hep. C Stage 1	31	1	2	1	2	1	38
Hep. C Stage 2	6		3				9
HIV	35		2				37
Special Category Mechanism		6	1	1			8
Co-Infected (HIV and SCM)				2			2
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 1)				1			1
Total	72	7	8	5	2	1	95

Table 2: All deceased secondary-infected beneficiaries

Infection (Deceased)	pre 01/11/2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
Hep. C Stage 1	1		1				2
Hep. C Stage 2	1		1				2
HIV	6						6
Special Category Mechanism		2					2
Co-Infected (HIV and SCM)							0
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 1)							0
Total	8	2	2	0	0	0	12

Table 3: Combined totals for secondary-infected beneficiaries

Infection (Combined)	pre 01/11/2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
Hep. C Stage 1	32	1	3	1	2	1	40
Hep. C Stage 2	7		4				11
HIV	41		2				43
Special Category Mechanism		8	1	1			10
Co-Infected (HIV and SCM)				2			2
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 1)				1			1
Total	80	9	10	5	2	1	107

Notes/Caveats

- a. Financial Years for EIBSS relate to the date the application was received.
 - b. EIBSS cannot provide data to show where Hepatitis C and/or HIV infection has been caused by either a) blood transfusion or b) blood products. This information is not stored as part of an application to the scheme.
 - c. The data in Tables 1, 2 & 3 is correct as at 12/08/2022.
 - d. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].
8. Q7. Of the total number of beneficiaries enrolled in the scheme, please confirm how many were a beneficiary of a previous scheme

NHSBSA response is provided below:

Table 1: Total number of beneficiaries transferred over to scheme on 01/11/2017

Beneficiary Totals (as of 1 November 2017)	
Hepatitis C - Stage 1	1137
Hepatitis C - SCM	0
Hepatitis C - Stage 2	566
HIV	61
HIV & Hepatitis C - Stage 1	89
HIV & Hepatitis C - SCM	0
HIV & Hepatitis C - Stage 2	61
Bereaved beneficiaries	214
Total	2128

Notes/Caveats

- a. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].

9. Q8. Please set out how many applications EIBSS have received since the establishment of the schemes.

a. Of the total applications received, please set out how many were unsuccessful or have not resulted in payment to the applicant.

b. Where this has been provided to the Inquiry previously, please provide updated data.

NHSBSA response is provided below:

Table 1: All applications received since 01/11/2017

Application Type	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)					83	3	86
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)					229	1	230
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)					61		61
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)					100	1	101
Bereaved (HIV & SCM)					1		1
Bereaved (HIV)					71		71
Bereaved (SCM)					16		16
Child Supplement	2	275	181	166	162	33	819
Co-Infected (HIV and SCM)			89				89
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 1)			89	1	1		91
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 2)			57		1		58
Hep. C Stage 1	97	124	142	87	136	9	595
Hep. C Stage 2	39	77	52	37	41	6	252
HIV	2	7	2		1		12
HIVB					1		1
HIVC		2	4		1		7
HIVD		1	1				2
HIVF		2	3	2	4	2	13
Income Top-Up	18	2193	496	363	59		3129
Leap Payment					69	12	81
One-Off Payment	144	861	622	635	713	99	3074
Special Category Mechanism	751	99	42	13	12	3	920
Total	1053	3641	1780	1304	1762	169	9709

Table 2: Total applications not approved, or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

Application Type	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)					2	1	3
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)					6		6
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)					1		1
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)					1	1	2
Bereaved (HIV)					5		5
Child Supplement		21	20	18	10	1	70
Hep. C Stage 1	46	52	67	35	80	8	288
Hep. C Stage 2	11	20	18	10	21	4	84
HIV	2	4	1		1		8
HIVC		2	3		1		6
HIVD			1				1
HIVF		1	3	2	3	2	11
Income Top-Up	5	352	94	40	9		500
Leap Payment					2		2
One-Off Payment	30	219	69	49	63	8	438
Special Category Mechanism	178	26	5	3	9	2	223
Total	272	697	281	157	214	27	1648

Table 3: 2017/18 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2017/18	Declined	Appeal - Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV)												0
Child Supplement												0
Hep. C Stage 1	13	23	5	2		1			1		1	46
Hep. C Stage 2	9	1				1						11
HIV	2											2
HIVC												0
HIVD												0
HIVF												0
Income Top-Up	3					2						5
Leap Payment												0
One-Off Payment	19		3			6			2			30
Special Category Mechanism	142	25	4			6		1				178
Total	188	49	12	2	0	16	0	1	3	0	1	272

Table 4: 2018/19 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2018/19	Declined	Appeal - Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV)												0
Child Supplement	2		2			7			10			21
Hep. C Stage 1	15	27	5	3		1		1				52
Hep. C Stage 2	16	2		1		1						20
HIV	1	3										4
HIVC						1		1				2
HIVD												0
HIVF						1						1
Income Top-Up	59		5			243		9	36			352
Leap Payment												0
One-Off Payment	51		47			26		16	79			219
Special Category Mechanism	20	2	1			1		2				26
Total	164	34	60	4	0	281	0	29	125	0	0	697

Table 5: 2019/20 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2019/20	Declined	Appeal - Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV)												0
Child Supplement	4		2			14						20
Hep. C Stage 1	29	23	10	4	1							67
Hep. C Stage 2	12	3	1	1		1						18
HIV						1						1
HIVC	2		1									3
HIVD			1									1
HIVF		3										3
Income Top-Up	16		8			67			3			94
Leap Payment												0
One-Off Payment	25		30			14						69
Special Category Mechanism	1		3	1								5
Total	89	29	56	6	1	97	0	0	3	0	0	281

Table 6: 2020/21 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2020/21	Declined	Appeal Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV)												0
Child Supplement	4		2			12						18
Hep. C Stage 1	12	4	5	2	8	2		1			1	25
Hep. C Stage 2	3	1	1	1	1	2		1				10
HIV												0
HIVC												0
HIVD												0
HIVF	2											2
Income Top-Up			12			28						40
Leap Payment												0
One-Off Payment	13		15			21						49
Special Category Mechanism				2		1						3
Total	34	5	35	5	9	66	0	2	0	0	1	157

Table 7: 2021/22 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2021/22	Declined	Appeal Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)			1			1						2
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)	1					5						6
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)						1						1
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)						1						1
Bereaved (HIV)						5						5
Child Supplement	1		1			8						10
Hep. C Stage 1	29	11	8	5	22	3					2	80
Hep. C Stage 2	10	1	1		1	2				6		21
HIV						1						1
HIVC			1									1
HIVD												0
HIVF	2				1							3
Income Top-Up						9						9
Leap Payment						2						2
One-Off Payment	22		13		1	27						63
Special Category Mechanism	5			1	1					2		9
Total	70	12	25	6	26	65	0	0	0	8	2	214

Table 8: 2022/23 – Breakdown of applications ‘not approved’ or which have not yet resulted in payment to the applicant

2022/23	Declined	Appeal Declined	Additional Information Requested	Additional Medical	Application Received	Cancelled	In Assessment	Incomplete	No Longer Eligible	Not Eligible	Pending Appeal	Total
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 1)					1							1
Bereaved (Hep. C Stage 2)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 1)												0
Bereaved (HIV & Hep. C Stage 2)							1					1
Bereaved (HIV)												0
Child Supplement	1											1
Hep. C Stage 1			5		3							8
Hep. C Stage 2			3		1							4
HIV												0
HIVC												0
HIVD												0
HIVF	1				1							2
Income Top-Up												0
Leap Payment												0
One-Off Payment	3		5									8
Special Category Mechanism					2							2
Total	5	0	13	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	27

Notes/Caveats

- The data in all Tables is correct as at 12/08/2022.
- The data in Table 8 for 2022/23 is for the period 01/04/22 to 30/06/22.
- The definition for the columns ‘Cancelled’, ‘No longer eligible’ and ‘Not eligible’ are as follows:
 - Cancelled:** A beneficiary has requested not to continue with an application.

- b. **No longer eligible:** a beneficiary is no longer to receive any payments for the application eg if a beneficiary was receiving income top-up payments but they did not reapply in the new financial year or the new income top-up was declined then the original application would get this status & the payments would be stopped.
- c. **Not eligible:** the applicant is not eligible to apply for the payment e.g. the applicant is applying for SCM but they are not a stage 1 beneficiary, the SCM application status should be changed to 'Not eligible'.
- d. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].

10. Q10 If any data cannot be disseminated in the above categories the Inquiry requests that these data are instead provided in a manner considered most appropriate by EIBSS.

NHSBSA response is provided below:

- a. All data available has been provided over Statements 9 and 10 in response to all questions asked.
- b. All data provided is correct as at 12/08/2022.
- c. EIBSS cannot provide data to show where Hepatitis C and/or HIV infection has been caused by either a) blood transfusion or b) blood products. This information is not stored as part of an application to the scheme.
- d. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].

11. Q11 Please provide the Inquiry with any documents and files that correspond with this data.

NHSBSA response is provided below:

- a. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit 1 [WITN4496029].

12. Q12 If, in responding to the above requests, you identify other relevant data which may assist the Inquiry's investigations, please also include this in your response.

NHSBSA response is provided below:

No additional relevant data has been identified as a result of responding to the above requests.

13. I would like to provide some additional information regarding the caveat 'EIBSS cannot provide data to show where HIV infection has been caused by either a) blood transfusion or b) blood products. This information is not stored as part of an application to the

scheme.'

The source of the infection would likely be manually identified through examining a beneficiary's file, which would be very labour intensive. Additionally, the majority of files would not be held by EIBSS, as minimal data was transferred to EIBSS by the Alliance House Organisations at the start of the scheme.

Statement of Truth

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

GRO-C

Signed _____

25 August 2022

Dated _____

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
16/08/2022	Rule 9 - statement 10 data - 160822	WITN4496029