

Trustees of Mr **GRO-A**
c/o Mrs **GRO-A**
GRO-A

1st December 2011

Dear Mrs **GRO-A**

Re: Skipton Fund Additional Payment Application on behalf of the late **GRO-A
GRO-A (1955P)**

We have recently received an incomplete additional payment application form with respect to the late Mr **GRO-A**

With a 1st stage application, we know that anybody who was treated with clotting factor prior to hepatitis C screening (which we know the late Mr **GRO-A** was through his registration with the Macfarlane Trust) had close to 100% chance of being infected with the hepatitis C virus. In the absence of medical records either way, it can be assumed on the balance of probabilities that the infection would have been a chronic one as only the minority clear the virus spontaneously. However, only the minority of those who received the first stage payment have been shown to develop one of the qualifying conditions which allows the Fund to release the additional payment.

Therefore, in the absence of medical records to confirm that the late Mr **GRO-A** was diagnosed with one of the qualifying conditions, it is with regret that I write to inform you that the claim has been declined. Under the scheme guidelines that the Skipton Fund is administering on behalf of the Department of Health, an additional payment can only be made if the applicant had been diagnosed with cirrhosis; primary liver cancer; B-cell non-Hodgkins lymphoma; or had received, or was on the waiting list to receive, a liver transplant. If none of the above "triggers" were met then we have no option but to decline the application.

We note that you intend to appeal any forthcoming decision to decline the additional payment application and have added this case to the appeal list. You will be contacted in the near future with more information about the appeals process.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Fish
Scheme Administrator