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**SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL FOR EX GRATIA PAYMENT SCHEME
[HEPATITIS C FROM BLOOD]**

Purpose and Recommendation

1. To record and confirm the decision ~~taken today~~ to inform the Health and Community Care Committee that the Executive would ~~be prepared~~ to fund a scheme that would make lump sum payments to those who now ~~have~~ Hepatitis C as the result of receiving blood, blood products or tissue from the NHS in Scotland.

Priority

2. Routine.

Discussion

3. A brief discussion was held at Cabinet at which it was agreed that £25,000 would be paid to those currently alive with Hepatitis C as a result of blood products and a further £25,000 to those who developed cirrhosis. We have now further reviewed the costings and numbers currently known to have Hepatitis C, and have concluded that this goes beyond what would be affordable if we are to make ~~payments to all~~ who currently have the virus.

4. We have therefore costed a ~~scheme on the basis of~~ making lump sum payments of £20,000 to all those who now have Hepatitis C – with a further £25,000 to those who have cirrhosis, liver cancer or liver failure. This was put forward, with the agreement of the First Minister, to the Committee today.

5. The initial cost of this scheme (based on payments to the 568 individuals known to the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Control) was estimated as being £14.2m. This was calculated on the basis that all 568 individuals would receive the £20k award and 20% of them would also receive the additional £25k award. Assuming 60% take-up in Year 1 this would require an outlay of £8.5m from the Health budget.

6. The Committee was informed that although the Executive was prepared to implement and fund such scheme, it was dependent in the first instance on discussions with the UK government aimed at confirming or refuting the Executive's view that it has the necessary devolved powers to establish and administer such a scheme. If that matter could be resolved satisfactorily, it would still be dependant on negotiations with the Department of Work and Pensions aimed at ensuring that payments under the scheme did not result in claw back of security benefits

Conclusion

7. The Minister is invited to endorse the above record of events.

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