

Witness Name: Brendan Brown

Statement No.: WITN4496043

Exhibits: WITN4496044

Dated: July 2023

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 10 July 2023. As with my other 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.

Question 1: Please provide up to date information on the number of persons registered with EIBSS in the following categories:

- a. **Infected persons;**
- b. **Bereaved partners;**
- c. **Others (if any -please specify);**
- d. **Total.**

4. NHSBSA's response is provided below:

Table 1: All persons registered with EIBSS-
(who do not have a Date of Death recorded, as of 01 July 2023)

Status	Type	June 23
Infected persons	All infection types	2,757
Bereaved partners	Widow widower civil partner	731
Others	Carers / Dependants	97
TOTAL		3,585

Notes/Caveats

- a. The data in Table 1 is correct as at 01/07/2023.
- b. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit [WITN4496044].
- c. Infected persons - includes those who are infected and bereaved.

Question 2: Further to WITN4496026 Table 5 (Brendan's seventh witness statement), provide an updated table for deceased persons infected up to 2023-2024 (30th June).

5. NHSBSA's response is provided below:

Table 2: Deceased Beneficiaries- (rolling year on year cumulative)

Application Type	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	Cumulative Total
Hep. C Stage 1	15	42	63	92	110	135	142	142
Hep. C Stage 2	12	46	84	114	138	166	174	174
Special Category Mechanism	2	8	10	19	29	34	36	36
HIV	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2
Co-Infected (HIV and SCM)	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	4
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 1)	0	0	0	3	5	7	8	8
Co-Infected (HIV and Stage 2)	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3
Grand Total	29	96	157	230	287	349	369	369
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* Slight increase in these years due to Date of Deaths being added/recorded						Includes Full year	01/04/23 to 30/06/23	New Total

Notes/Caveats

- a. The data in Table 2 is correct as at 12/07/2023.
- b. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit WITN4496044.

c. The formatting of this table is consistent with format of Table 5 from witness statement WITN4496026.

Question 3: Please provide information on the number of interim payments made in England to persons in the following categories:

- a. **Infected persons;**
- b. **Bereaved partners;**
- c. **Others (if any -please specify);**
- d. **Total.**

6. NHSBSA's response is provided below:

Table 3: Compensation payments paid to-date

Status	Count
Infected persons	2,758
Bereaved partners	719
Others	27
Grand Total	3,504

Notes/Caveats

- a. The data in Table 3 is correct as at 01/07/2023.
- b. Master data table has been provided as Exhibit WITN4496044.
- c. Others- these are people who are both infected and bereaved.
- d. The 'Infected persons' figure in Table 3, is not intended to match that in Table 1. Unfortunately, infected persons continue to pass away, so the variance between these tables will be affected by the those who are deceased.

Question 4: A UK Government spokesperson is quoted in a MailOnline article (RLIT0002135 – attached to this email) that “Our intention remains to pay those small number of estates referred to in the extract [a three-month window between July 2022 and October 2022] and work is ongoing to facilitate this.” Please:

- a. **Provide information on the number of payments made in England to the estates of infected persons;**
- b. **Set out the qualifying criteria used in relating to these payments; and**
- c. **Set out any plans to make payments to the estates of infected persons and/or bereaved persons other than partners.**

7. NHSBSA have received no instruction from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to make interim compensation payments to the estates of infected persons, therefore no payments have been made.

8. The NHSBSA is unable to answer questions on behalf of the Government. The policy detail for the Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment Scheme is led by the Cabinet Office, supported by the DHSC. Please direct this question to either Government department for the latest position.

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed _____

Dated 24 July 2023

Table of exhibits:

Exhibit number	Date	Notes/ Description
WITN4496044	13 July 2023	Rule 9 data_13072023v2