

**Administrator Name and address**

**Executor ADDRESS**

**DATE**

Dear XXXX,

### **Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment to Estates**

We are writing to you following the UK Government announcement regarding interim compensation payments to Estates. The UK Government accepted the recommendations made in the Infected Blood Inquiry's first interim report (published 29 July 2022) for an interim compensation payment of £100,000 to be paid to all infected beneficiaries and bereaved partners registered on UK Infected Blood Support Schemes.

The UK Government agreed that the payment can be claimed by the executor or authorised representative of the estate of a deceased beneficiary, or their bereaved partner. This applies to cases where a Scheme beneficiary passed away after the announcement was made on 29 July 2022, but before the payment was made on 28 October 2022, and has no surviving partner who satisfies the eligibility criteria to register as a bereaved beneficiary with an Infected Blood Payment Scheme.

### **About the payment**

The interim compensation payment is being made to you as the executor or authorised representative of the estate of **[insert name of deceased beneficiary]**, who was an eligible beneficiary of the **[name of IBSS e.g. England Infected Blood Support Scheme]**. As the executor of the estate, it will be your responsibility to divide as appropriate to those beneficiaries of this estate who are entitled to receive this money.

The **[administrator name]** has been **directed/instructed** to make this payment to you on behalf of the UK Government. The payment will be made into the appointed account ending **<Last 4 digits>** on **<DATE>**.

The payment reference will be **<payment reference>**.

Receiving this payment will not affect any other support beneficiaries of this estate may be entitled to under the **<name of IBSS e.g. England Infected Blood Support Scheme>**.

### **Future compensation**

Receiving this interim compensation payment will not prevent the beneficiaries of the estate from being able to apply for compensation in the future. However, this interim compensation payment will be treated as paid on account of the final award. This means it will be deducted from any final award amount paid to the beneficiaries of the estate. Whilst the payment is interim, there will no obligation to return this interim compensation, or any part of this payment, should the final award be less than the interim payment.

Equally, receiving this interim compensation payment will not affect the rights of a beneficiary of this estate to bring a legal claim for compensation in the Courts against any Secretary of State or public entity, in respect of infection with HIV and/or hepatitis C as a result of NHS treatment with contaminated blood or blood products. However, the UK government's

position is that this payment should be treated as having been paid on account of, any final award of damages ordered by the Courts by way of compensation.

### **Tax and benefits**

For UK based recipients, this payment is not subject to income tax, capital gains tax, national insurance, inheritance tax, nor is this counted as income for the purposes of tax credits.

Should the son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter of the deceased, who receives this interim payment as a beneficiary of this estate, be in receipt of means-tested social security benefits, this interim compensation will not affect their entitlement to that support. To ensure the interim compensation is disregarded the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) / Department of Communities NI, must be informed that this payment has been received. This letter should be kept and will help provide evidence of this payment.

For non-UK based recipients, the payment may be subject to tax in the country of residence.

### **Other information**

We offer a telephone translation service if English is not your first language and we can provide documents in large print or Braille on request.

There are independent services available which can offer advice on managing money and finances on our website: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/financial-and-support-services>

For more information visit our website at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/EIBSS](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/EIBSS). Alternatively, you can contact us by telephone or email. Our office is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. We offer a telephone translation service if English is not your first language and we can provide documents in large print or Braille on request.

Yours sincerely,

**<administrator name>**