

Witness Name: Alison Ramsey

Statement No. **WITN4506037**

Exhibits: Nil

Dated: 29th March 2023.

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ALISON RAMSEY

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20 March 2023.

I, Alison Ramsey, will say as follows: -

Q1. In your Rule 9 response dated 28 July 2022 [WIBS0000082], you give the figures 154, 2 and 16 as the “*total number of beneficiaries registered with the scheme*” who were enrolled to receive support as a result of ‘Hepatitis C infection’ (para 2), ‘HIV infection’ (para 3), and ‘Hepatitis C and HIV coinfection’ (para 5), respectively. Do these figures include those who had subsequently died (i.e. those set out in para 9)?

1. No. These figures do not include those who had subsequently died. These figures reflect those people receiving on-going WIBSS payments as at 28 July 2022.

Q2. If the answer to the above is yes, please explain the reduction in the total number of core beneficiaries since 2019/20 as set out in para 1 of your Rule 9 response. Alternatively, if the answer is no, please clarify whether those beneficiaries who had subsequently died had been deregistered from the scheme.

2. Those beneficiaries who have subsequently died, are removed from the active beneficiaries held on the WIBSS database and are excluded from the numbers we would report as beneficiaries on the WIBSS scheme. We only report the number of beneficiaries who continue to receive payments. We would still retain all the records of deceased beneficiaries on the WIBSS database in case we need to contact their Estate regarding any future compensation payments, and in line with our policy regarding retention of records. Beneficiaries who have subsequently died could therefore be considered as “deregistered” from the WIBSS scheme, although we do not use that terminology.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed _____

GRO-C

Dated 28/03/2023_____