

Witness Name: Alison Ramsey

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Exhibits: NIL

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

### **NINTH** WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ALISON RAMSEY

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9(1) and (2) of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 10 July 2023.

I, Alison Ramsey, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

##### **Question 1**

**Please provide up to date information on the number of persons registered with WIBSS in the following categories:**

<b>a. Infected persons</b>	181 beneficiaries.
<b>b. Bereaved partners</b>	47 bereaved partners.
<b>c. Others (if any - please specify)</b>	None
<b>d. Total</b>	228 persons registered with WIBSS.

1. These figures are correct as of 11 July 2023.

## Question 2

Further to WBS0000082 paragraph 9, please provide an updated table for deceased persons infected up to 2023-2024 (30th June).

Categories	Total
Hep C Stage 1	5
Enhanced Stage 1+	5
Hep C Stage 2	8
HIV	1
Co-Infected (HIV & Stage 1)	0
Co-Infected (HIV & Stage 1+)	0
Co-Infected (HIV & Stage 2)	0
Bereaved Partners/Spouses	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

2. These figures reflect total deceased persons since the creation of WIBSS in 2017.

## Question 3

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

### a. Infected persons;

3. 181 interim payments made to date. A further 3 will be made in the next 5 working days. Total 184.

### b. Bereaved partners;

4. 42 interim payments made to date. An additional payment will be made in the next 5 working days. Total 43.

### c. Others (if any - please specify);

5. None

### d. Total.

6. 227 interim compensation payments.

#### Question 4

A UK Government spokesperson is quoted in a MailOnline article [RLIT0002135] saying 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.”

With regard to this:

a. Please provide information on the number of payments made in Wales to the estates of infected persons.

7. WIBSS has not made any interim compensation payments to the estates of infected persons.

b. Please set out the qualifying criteria used in relation to these payments.

8. N/A.

c. Please set out any plans to make payments to estates of infected persons and/or bereaved persons other than partners.

9. WIBSS has 1 interim compensation payment pending for the estate of an infected person who was alive on 25 July 2022 when the announcement was made but who had sadly passed away before payments were agreed to be made in October.

10. We are waiting on clarification about the potential tax and benefit entitlement implications from the Welsh Government and the UK Government before being able to make this payment.

#### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_17/07/2023\_\_\_\_\_