

Witness Name: KAREN BAILEY

Statement No.: WITN4936039

Exhibits: **NIL**

Dated: 28 November 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF KAREN BAILEY

I provide this statement on behalf of the Infected Blood Payment scheme for Northern Ireland in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 11 November 2022.

I, Karen Bailey, will say as follows: -

1. What is the eligibility criteria for registering as a bereaved partner for the Infected Blood Payment Scheme for NI? In particular please set out what the eligibility criteria is:

(i) For a bereaved partner where neither they, nor their deceased partner have ever registered with either Infected Blood Payment Scheme for NI or one of the AHOs.

Non-infected bereaved partner of an infected deceased partner

Hepatitis C

The infected deceased partner –

- was treated in Northern Ireland before 1st September 1991 under the National Health Service and during such treatment received contaminated blood or blood products and,
- on the balance of probabilities
 - (i), was infected with hepatitis C, as a result thereof;
 - or

- (ii) was infected with hepatitis C as a result of the virus being transmitted from someone else who was themselves infected as a result of receiving contaminated blood or blood products during NHS treatment in Northern Ireland prior to 1st September 1991.

HIV

The infected deceased partner:

- was treated in Northern Ireland before 17th February 1992 under the National Health Service during such treatment received contaminated blood or blood products and,
- on the balance of probabilities:
 - (i) was infected with HIV as a result thereof;
or
 - (ii) was infected with HIV as a result of the virus being transmitted from someone else who was themselves infected as a result of receiving contaminated blood or blood products during NHS treatment in Northern Ireland prior to 17th February 1992.

(ii) For a bereaved partner where neither they nor their deceased partner have ever registered with either Infected Blood Payment Scheme for NI or one of the AHOs, but where there has been a successful estates claim on behalf of the deceased's estate.

For a successful estate claim to be made on behalf of the deceased's estate then either the bereaved partner or their deceased partner would have been registered with either Infected Blood Payment Scheme for NI or one of the AHO's. Registration with one or other is a pre-requisite to a successful estates claim.

(iii) For a bereaved partner who registered with one of the AHOs but where neither they nor their deceased partner have ever registered with the Infected Blood Payment Scheme for NI and their deceased partner did not register with one of the AHOs.

Please refer to the response in question 1(i)

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed _____

28/11/2022

Dated _____