

Witness Name: Karen Bailey
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Exhibits: NIL
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SIXTH WRITTEN STATEMENT OF KAREN BAILEY

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, Karen Bailey, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1.1 My name is Karen Bailey. I am Chief Executive of Business Services Organisation. My professional address is Business Services Organisation (BSO) Headquarters, 2 Franklin Street, Belfast, BT2 8DQ. My date of birth is known to the Inquiry.

1.2 In order to address the questions posed in the Rule 9 request of 10 July 2023, I have received assistance from the Infected Blood Payment Scheme Manager.

Section 2: Response to Questions

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

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

2.1 Please refer to the table below for up to date information regarding the number of active persons registered with the NIIBPS in the designated

categories. In relation to Category c ('Others') this applies to estates registered with NIIBPS where the infected beneficiary and their spouse/partner are dead.

A Infected Persons	B Bereaved Partners	C Others	D Total
82	24	9	115

2. Further to WITN4936028 paragraph 2.19, please provide an updated table for deceased persons infected up to 2023-2024 (30th June).

2.2 Please refer to the updated table below which details the number of deceased persons infected up to 2023-2024(30th June).

Category	Number of Beneficiaries
Hepatitis C	10
HIV	0
Both hepatitis C and HIV	1

3. Please provide information on the number of interim payments made in Northern Ireland to persons in the following categories:

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

2.3 Please refer to the table below which details the numbers of interim payments made in Northern Ireland per the designated categories set out in question 3.

A Infected Persons	B Bereaved Partners	C Others	D Total
83	24	0	107

4. A UK Government spokesperson is quoted in a Mail Online 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 Northern Ireland to the estates of infected persons.

2.4 NIIBPS has made 0 payments to the estates of infected persons in relation to the £100,000 interim compensation monies.

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

2.5 NIIBPS policy is determined by DHNI. At this point DHNI has not issued NIIBPS with the qualifying criteria to be used in relation to these payments.

Therefore, this matter should be referred to DHNI for comment.

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

2.6 NIIBPS policy and planning is determined by DHNI.
Therefore, this matter should be referred to DHNI.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Dated: 17-07-2023