

10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Miss GRO-A

### Re: Skipton Fund application (8835)

We have received your completed Skipton Fund application form along with supporting documents.

Having considered the application, along with all other information contained within, it is with regret that I must advise you that your application has been declined. This is due to your period of intravenous drug use. The Skipton Fund has an expert report estimating the risks of blood transfusions before September 1991 and the risks of intravenous drug use and comparing those two risk factors as causes for hepatitis C. Intravenous drug use is considered a far greater risk factor for transmission of the virus than treatment with NHS blood prior to September 1991.

If you disagree with the outcome of your application you may apply to the independent Appeals Panel, which is chaired by an experienced lawyer and contains a haematologist, a hepatologist and a general practitioner. I enclose a copy of the Appeals Panel's guidance notes to help you decide if you would like your case to go to appeal or not.

If you do wish to appeal then please advise the fund formally in writing and return your application form.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Fish Scheme Administrator

THE SKIPTON FUND

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### GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICATION FORM FOR FIRST STAGE EX GRATIA PAYMENT

TO THE APPLICANT

Thank you for registering with the Skipton Fund. Please read these notes carefully before completing the form. Please also show these notes to the medical professional who you ask to complete the rest of the form after you have completed and signed Part 1.

#### HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM

Page 2 of the application form must be completed by the person making the claim. In nearly all cases this will be you, the infected person; if such a claimant is unable to complete the first two pages of the form, they can be completed by a representative as long as this is made clear on the form.

If the application is for a payment in respect of somebody who has died, the form asks for information about the deceased person

All the rest of the form after page 2 must be completed by a medical professional, to whom you should give the form after you have completed and signed the first two pages. You should also give the guidance notes to that medical professional.

Generally this medical professional should be the principal clinician treating you or who had treated the deceased; this will probably be a clinician treating hepatitis C, but in the case of applicants with bleeding disorders, or in respect of someone deceased who had a bleeding disorder, it might be a haematologist.

If you cannot give this form to such a clinician to complete, you should take it to your or the deceased person's General Practitioner, again with the guidance notes

If you yourself have any records of how you or the deceased were infected, please give them to the medical professional who will be completing the remainder of the form.

When the medical professional has completed the form, he or she should send it to the Skipton Fund along with supporting documents where it will be processed. Provided that the information supplied confirms eligibility for a payment, this will be made as soon as possible after the receipt of the form by the Skipton Fund.

If you have any difficulties in understanding what you should do with this application form, please telephone the Skipton Fund Helpline on (0207 808 1160). In case your call has to be recorded, please be ready to leave a telephone number to which it will be possible to return your call.

#### TO APPLY FOR SECOND STAGE EX GRATIA PAYMENT

Before applying for the second stage payment a successful first stage application has to have been paid to confirm eligibility. If, after receiving the first payment, you believe that you are eligible for this payment, please ask the Skipton Fund for the relevant application form.

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR HOSPITAL DOCTOR OR GENERAL PRACTITIONER

### NOTES TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS COMPLETING THIS FORM.

Thank you for your help with this application

In most cases this form will concern a patient who is known to you who has been infected with hepatitis C.

The purposes of this form are

- to confirm that the patient has been chronically infected
- to confirm that the infection most probably arose through treatment with NHS blood or blood

If there are questions in this form relating to your patient that you cannot answer, please consult such other medical professionals as have treated your patient who would be able to provide such answers

In some cases this form will concern a patient who had been infected with hepatitis C but who has since died. In such a case all the questions you are requested to answer refer to the deceased persor

In some cases this form will concern a patient who has been indirectly infected (e.g. by accidental needle stick) by somebody who is (or was) himself or herself infected through NHS treatment. In such a case please answer only parts 2A (or 2C), 2B, 4B and 5.

Please return this form, when completed, to the Skipton Fund in the freepost envelope supplied

Skipton Fund Limited Freepost NAT18555

London SW1H OBR

### PART 5 - TO CONFIRM THE AUTHORITY OF RESPONDENT(S)

How long have you known the person in respect of whom you have completed this form? vears

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PETERBORONSH

Address

Post Code

Signature of Clinician

Name of Clinician Department

Hospital

Address

Post Code

Signature of Clinician

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BRETTON GATE

PE3 99Z

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How long have you known the person in respect of whom you have completed this form?

months

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Name of Clinician Hospital

Hospital PETER BORONS' CITY HOSPITAL Address

Post Code Hospital Stamp Signature of Clinician

Hospital Stamp Clinician's GMC number

How long have you known the person in respect of How long have you known the person in respect of whom you have completed this form whom you have completed this form?

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Address

Clinician's

3206531

GMC number

**Hospital Stamp** GMC number

Signature of GP

Surgery Stamp & GMC number

By signing this form I confirm that the information contained within parts 2 – 5 of the form is true to the best by signing this form I confirm that the information contained within parts 2-3 of the form is due to the best of my knowledge and belief and that if I knowingly authorise false information this may result in disciplinary action and I may be liable to prosecution. I consent to the disclosure of information from this form to and by the Skipton Fund and the NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service for the purpose of verification. of this claim and for the investigation, prevention, detection and prosecution of fraud.

Please return the completed form to the Skipton Fund in the freepost envelope supplied

Thank you very much for your help in completing this form

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#### PART 1A - TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, OR IN RESPECT OF SOMEONE WHO IS DECEASED

Please complete the following in block capitals:

If you are completing this form on behalf of somebody who is unable to do it himself or herself, please supply the following information about that person. If you are claiming in respect of somebody who is deceased, please supply the following information about the deceased.

Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs/other) M155 Surname GRO-A Middle name/s GRO-A First name Address GRO-A CAMIRS Post Code GRO-A Myser What is or was your relationship to this person?

If the infected person has died and you did not supply the Skipton Fund with a copy of the death certificate during registration then please attach a copy to this form.  $\cdot$ 

### PART 1B - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT OR THE PERSON MAKING THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE IF THE APPLICANT IS DECEASED

#### DATA PROTECTION - For living applicants only

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Your personal information will only be used by the Skipton Fund on behalf of the Department of Health (England), acting for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health, to check your eligibility for a payment and to administer your application. In the event of a dispute as to your eligibility for payment, your information may be disclosed to the Department of Health (England) Appeals Panel. Your information will otherwise be held in the strictest confidence and will not be shared with any other organisation.

By submitting this form to a medical professional, you consent to your medical details requested in Parts 2 - 4 being supplied to the Skipton Fund and the Department of Health (England) for the purpose of administering your application. If your application is ultimately deemed to be ineligible for the ex gratia payment your information will be deleted. If you have any questions regarding the use of your information, please contact 0207 308 1160.

### Do you consent to the medical details requested in Parts 2, 3 and 4 being supplied to the Skipton Fund?

If you have any records regarding your hepatitis C status (or that of the deceased person), please give them to the medical professional who will be completing the remainder of the form.

By signing this form I declare that the information I have given on the form is correct and complete and that I have not previously claimed for the first stage ex-gratia payment of £20,000 from the Skipton Fund on behalf of myself or, if applying in respect of a deceased person, that the estate has not previously applied for the first stage ex-gratia payment of £20,000 from the Skipton Fund. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information that I may be liable for prosecution and civil recovery proceedings. I consent to the disclosure of the information from this form to and by the Skipton Fund and NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service for the purpose of verification of this claim and the investigation, prevention, detection and prosecution of fraud.

I wish to apply for a £20,000 ex-gratia payment

Signature of applicant or the persor making the application on behalf of the estate if the applicant is decease

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Date 4 9 2016

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If YES, please specify and enclose a copy of the relevant records	
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PART 4B - OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFECTION	
Based on evidence or your experience, has/had the infected person been treated for intravenous drug use?	YESINO
Has/had the infected person ever received hospital treatment outside the UK? If YES, what treatment and where?	YES/NO
no	
Is there any other evidence that might affect the eligibility of the infected person for payment? If YES, please specify?	YES/NO
history of intravenous drug abuse. Sepatitus c diagnosed 1996	
In your view is it probable that the infected person's HCV infection was acquired in consequence of NHS treatment received before 1 September 1991?  If NO, please give your reasons?	YES/NO
Difficult to be sure of agnisional as history of (12) drug abuse in addition to Blood hanstusing	
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# **Registration Form**

www.skiptonfund.org e-mail:apply@skiptonfund.org Tel: 020 7808 1160

If you think you qualify for an ex gratia payment because you were infected with Hepatitis C as a result of National Health Service treatment with blood or blood products, please complete and return this form. A formal application form will then be sent to you as soon as possible. You may wish to call the Skipton Fund or refer to the guidance on the website (www.skiptonfund.org) if you are not sure about your eligibility for the scheme.

ANYBODY REGISTERED WITH THE MACFARLANE TRUST NEED NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.

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Miss GRO-A GRO-A

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Dear Miss GRO-A

### Re: Skipton Fund Ex Gratia Payment Application (8835)

We have recently received your application along with a copy of medical records relating to your treatment with NHS blood products in the late 1980s.

Before we are able to proceed with your application we still require documentary evidence confirming that you were previously hepatitis C PCR positive or evidence that you have undergone successful treatment as per the answer provided by your clinician in part 2A of your application form. Therefore please obtain and forward to us a copy of a page of your medical records which confirms either.

The Skipton Fund can only process information that is provided by the medical practitioners completing the forms, we cannot request medical records and in the circumstances the only course of action open to me is to write to request that you obtain the necessary supporting documentation.

If you require any further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact us at the Skipton Fund.

Yours sincerely

Shane Baker Senior Scheme Assistant

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### Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals 11/15

**NHS Foundation Trust** 

Dept of Gastroenterology + Hepatology 302

Peterborough City Hospital **Edith Cavell Campus** Bretton Gate, Bretton Peterborough

PE3 9GZ

Hospital No:

NHS No:

Clinic date:

**GRO-A** 

Direct Line:

Fax:

01733 673875 01733 676786

Switchboard:

01733 678000

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28 Feb 2017

Reference:

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Miss GRO-A

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Dear Miss GRO-A

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**DOB GRO-A 1961** 

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**GRO-A** 

Following our recent telephone call, I enclose for your records to assist you with your Skipton Fund Application, copies of your microbiology results that show your previous positive HCV RNA test and Genotype 3, also your most recent test that shows you are now HCV RNA not detected.

I can confirm also that your most recent fibroscan result shows a Medican of 24kpa / F4 cirrhosis, your Dexa scan show Osteopenia.

If you require any further supporting information please do not hesitate to let me know.

As this is a clinical letter written from one professional to another, it is likely to contain some technical information. If you do not understand any part of this letter and wish to obtain specific explanation regarding the contents, please discuss this with your GP.

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NHS Foundation Trust

Yours sincerely	
GRO-C	ř

Electronically signed by Ms Katherine Barry Hepatology Nurse Specialist

Distribution:
Miss GRO-A (Patient) — post

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Patient name: MISS	
Hospital number:	GRO-A
NHS number: GI	RO-A



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Requested by Dr Ninkovic Spec.Type: VB Virus serology Site: , Hepatitis C

Sample S,15.0046247.JA (SPEC.TYPE: VB VIRUS SEROLOGY SITE: , HEPATITIS C) Collected 26 Nov 2015 11:00 Received 26 Nov 2015 15:53

**BBV** screening

### **BBV** screening

Clin info: Requested by Dr Ninkovic

SPECIMEN : , Hepatitis C

COLLECTED: 26.11.15

Hepatitis C screen : REACTIVE

known Hep C positive

Please see report number 46248 for result of HCV viral load

Date received: Date authorised: Authorised by: 26.11.15 SJM

Peterborough Clinical Microbiology Lab - Telephone 01733-678437

End of report

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Patient name: MISS **GRO-A** Hospital number: GRO-A NHS number: **GRO-A** 

## **Peterborough City Hospital**

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HEP C Cirrhotic

Spec.Type: VB Virus serology Site: , Hepatitis C Les.: , genotyping

Sample S,15.0018028.NA (SPEC.TYPE: VB VIRUS SEROLOGY SITE: , HEPATITIS C LES.: , GENOTYPING) Collected 07 May 2015 11:00 Received 07 May 2015 15:58

**PCR** 

PCR

Clin info: HEP C Cirrhotic SPECIMEN : VB Virus serology

, Hepatitis C , genotyping

COLLECTED: 07.05.15

Report received from PHL ADDENBROOKES

Ref.No. mi15136d0102

HCV Genotyping : Hepatitis C virus type 3 identified

Date received: Date authorised: Authorised by: 07.05.15 29.05.15 KSM

KSM

Peterborough Cinical Microbiology lab. - Telephone 01733-678437

End of report

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End of report

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Patient name: MISS		
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PCR

PCR

Clin info: HEP C POSITIVE - NO RX ?GENOTYPE

SPECIMEN : VB Virus serology

, Hepatitis C

COLLECTED: 07.09.10

Report received from CAMBRIDGE 10:MD29209R Heptitis C PCR :-Hepatitis C virus TYPE 3 IDENTIFIED HCV Viral load assay HCV viral RNA =  $8.14 \times 10^5$  IU per ml. LOG (viral load) 5.91

Date received: Date authorised: Authorised by: 09.09.10 DE

Peterborough PHL/Microbiology lab. - Telephone 01733-874657

Sent to patient End of report info

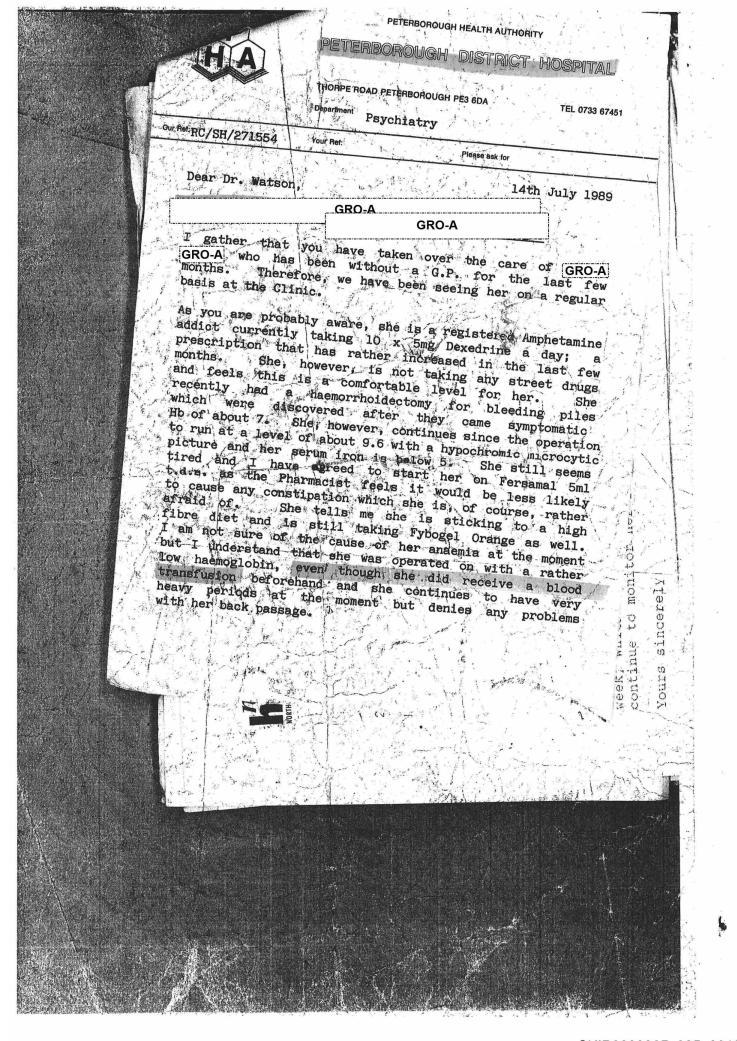
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End of report

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