

**Scottish Infected Blood
Support Scheme**

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Minutes

Meeting: Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme – Advisory Group

Date: 11th April 2019, 10:30 -12:00

Location: Meeting Room GS 2.11, 2nd Floor, Gyle Square, Edinburgh

Attendees:

Sally Richards (SR)	NHS National Services Scotland - Practitioner Services (Act. Chair)
Kelly Watt (KW)	NHS National Services Scotland - Practitioner Services (Minutes)
David Goldberg (DG)	NHS National Services Scotland - Health Protection Scotland – Tele
Tommy Leggate (TL)	Scottish Infected Blood Forum
Bill Wright (BW)	Haemophilia Scotland
Joyce Donnelly (JD)	Scottish Infected Blood Forum
Paul Sorenson (PS)	Scottish Government

Observers:

David McIlhinney (DM)	Scottish Government
Professor Alison Britton (AB)	Glasgow Caledonian University

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were noted from Martin Bell, Dan Farthing-Sykes, Sam Baker, Leon Wylie & Petra Wright.

SR welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the group through the agenda.

2. Actions from previous meeting held 6th December 2018

The group went through the previous minutes and they were agreed.

3. Scheme Update

SR updated the group on the scheme progress. Statistics shared below;

- Total number of beneficiaries – 528
- Applications processed Dec – Mar - 62
- % Processed within 2 weeks - 100%
- Value of payments made FY 2018-19 - £8.2m
- Unsuccessful applications – 3
- Deceased since April 2018 - 12
- No of appeals – 1

TL asked SR if a breakdown of deceased applicants could be made available to the group i.e. the amount who were haemophiliac etc.



Chair
Chief Executive

Professor Elizabeth Ireland
Colin Sinclair

*NHS National Services Scotland is the common name of the
Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service.*

ACTION 023 – SR advised she would gather the information and also provide a breakdown with regards to age and gender.

ACTION 024 – SR to anonymise and circulate slides to the group.

The group held a long discussion on applicants who were unable to apply to the scheme due to e.g. medical records being lost. SR advised that in order to process an application the applicant would have to evidence that they had Hepatitis C. DG added that evidence would also be required that the applicant had been given a blood transfusion in the first instance. SR advised that this information could be requested from PHI/ISD colleagues as long as the applicant was able to provide the relevant surgical procedure dates.

BW suggested that the group look at undertaking a review or evaluation of how the self assessment process had progressed so far. DG proposed that the Clinical Review Report could be condensed into a scientific paper with an additional results area for applicants who had applied for different categories. The group agreed to have a think about next steps.

ACTION 025 – Group to think about next steps, decide on requirements and how to make information available to the wider community.

ACTION 026 – DG to look into producing a scientific paper from the Clinical Review Report.

4. Scottish Government Update

PS reported the following;

- Quarterly figures from SR passed to DHSC
- SB registered to go to the hearings in London in April 2019 – not active participant
- Scottish hearing dates are in July 2019. Scottish Gov have contracted an external lawyer (Morton Fraser) to support them
- Inquiry coming up to Scotland mid May 2019. Due to meet with SB & PB for a few days during the visit.
- Brexit - Health & Social Security Hub – SB doing a lot of work on this but this should ease due to the new Brexit date of 31st October 2019.
- Haemophiliac Supplies – supplies would be moved across borders promptly in the event of a shortage
- Michelle returning to the team in a few months time

5. New Chair Appeals Panel – Professor Britton

SR introduced the group to Professor Alison Britton. AB advised she was a Professor of Healthcare & Medical Law and was also the new chair of the Appeal Panel. It was noted that AB would not be joining the Advisory Group as a member but that she felt it had been interesting to sit in on the meeting as part of the discussions.

6. AOB

Thank you – TL conveyed his thanks to SR, her team and SB for their continued work on the scheme. He advised there had been a lot of good feedback received from his organisation's membership.

Next Meeting: 22nd August 2019 at 1030am.

Action Log

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ACTION NO.	ACTION DETAILS	OWNER	DATE RAISED	TARGET DATE	UPDATES	STATUS
017	Group to have a think about a potential replacement for Grant Sugden.	ALL	18/05/18	ASAP	29/08/18 – DK advised a subject matter rep was still required. DK/SR agreed to draft an advert paragraph to be placed in the newsletter. Ongoing. 11/04/19 – SR reported an advert had gone out in the newsletter with 1 interested party who was yet to respond. She agreed to look at putting another advert in the next newsletter. Ongoing.	Open
021	SR to circulate Scheme Update Figures to Group	SR	06/12/18	ASAP	11/04/19 - CLOSE	CLOSE
022	Group membership: Advisory Group. SR to chase up interested party.	SR	06/12/18	ASAP	11/04/19 - Ongoing	Open
023	SR to provide a breakdown of deceased applicants to the group for information	SR	11/04/19	ASAP		Open
024	SR to anonymise and circulate slides to the group.	SR	11/04/19	ASAP		Open

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025	Group to think about next steps, decide on requirements and how to make information available to the wider community.	ALL	11/04/19	ASAP		Open
026	DG to look into producing a scientific paper from the Clinical Review Report.	DG	11/04/19	ASAP		Open