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Dear Chris,

2020/21 Allocation – England Infected Blood Support Scheme administered by NHS Business Services Authority.

I am writing to confirm that for 2021/22, NHSBSA will draw down funding from the Department of Health and Social Care of:

1. Up to £76.1m for non-discretionary and discretionary payments to beneficiaries of the England Infected Blood Support Scheme (EIBSS)
2. Up to £105.2m for payments to beneficiaries resulting from
 - a. The parity announcement of 25 March 2021
 - b. The Legal Entitlement and Administrative Practices (LEAP) exercise as directed on 9 April 2021

The 2021/22 allocation includes all costs for EIBSS, to support beneficiaries. The 2021/22 allocation does not include service delivery costs, as these will be provided by a central drawdown. As a directed service, EIBSS service delivery costs are included within NHSBSA's annual central funding allocation from DHSC. The additional administrative costs associated with the above will be dealt with separately.

Payment will be on the basis of need. NHSBSA should invoice DHSC directly for the funds it requires quarterly and provide evidence in support of the amount it requests, as for 2020/21. In respect of payments to beneficiaries (point 1), NHSBSA should estimate what it will need prior to the beginning of each quarter and submit invoices at the appropriate time which are backed by relevant supporting evidence. These invoices should be split so it is clear what is being requested for annual and what is for discretionary support. Payments for discretionary support should be managed within the funding outlined above. Discretionary payments should be made as detailed within the EIBSS Discretionary one-off payments – Guidance Document. In respect of payments resulting from parity

and the LEAP exercise (point 2), a similar process should be followed. I attach an addendum to the DHSC Specification – England Infected Blood Support Scheme (EIBSS) which provides further direction with regard to implementation of the parity announcement (point 2a). I would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be signed and returned, keeping a copy for NHSBSA records.

We expect the NHSBSA will not transfer any new DHSC funding to its reserve. Instead, we expect NHSBSA to adjust its drawdown requests in line with an underspend from the previous invoice period. If underspend occurs in Month 12, NHSBSA will carry funds forward and reduce the invoice accordingly for the first quarter of the next financial year. If additional funds are needed between scheduled invoices due to unforeseen fluctuation in expenditure, DHSC may agree such funding, provided the annual allocation has not been fully depleted.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED] (EIBSS).

Yours Sincerely,

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Annex 1 Summary of EIBSS Payments for 2021/22

Individuals Annual Payments

Beneficiary	Annual non-discretionary payment (£)
All registered beneficiaries (including bereaved spouses and partners) – winter fuel allowance	544
Hepatitis C Stage 1	18,912
Hepatitis C Stage 1 + SCM	28,680
Hepatitis C Stage 2	28,680
HIV	28,680
Co-infected Stage 1	38,928
Co-infected SCM	45,072
Co-infected Stage 2	45,072
Bereaved Partners/Spouses (new payment)	100% of annual payment infected person would have received in Year 1 and 75% for subsequent years.

One-off Lump Sum payments

Existing scheme members to receive a one-off lump sum to bring the total received up to that detailed below.

Category	One-off lump sum payments (£)
Individual newly registered with Hepatitis C Stage 1	50,000
Individual already registered with scheme with Hepatitis C Stage 1, who progresses to Stage 2	20,000
Individual newly registered with scheme with Hepatitis C Stage 2	70,000
Individual newly registered with HIV	£80,500
Bereavement	10,000

Bereaved Beneficiaries Income Top-Ups (to continue until replaced by bereaved partner annual payments)

Household Income (£)	Annual Income Top-Up (£)
0 – 10,000	18,000
10,001 – 15,000	10,421
15,001 – 20,000	5,412
20,001 – 28,400	1,412
28,400+	0

Definitions

SCM: Special Category Mechanism

Scheme Administrator: NSH Business Services Authority

Non-discretionary support: Defined payment values based on successful assessment of an application.

Income Top-Up: a means tested assessment based on household income.