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Dear Carolyn,

SCOTTISH INFECTED BLOOD SUPPORT SCHEME (SIBSS): FURTHER INTERIM PAYMENTS – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

This letter is to confirm that an allocation of **£117,000,000** has been made to the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service (National Services Scotland) to fund the further Interim Payments of £210,000 to be paid out to infected persons registered with SIBSS under the Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment Scheme (“the Scheme Document”), which is published at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infected-blood-interim-compensation-payment-scheme-further-interim-payments-to-living-infected-beneficiaries-and-estates/infected-blood-interim-compensation-payment-scheme-further-interim-payments>

The scheme is explained in the attached letter from Shona Dunn in the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to the Scottish Government, dated 23 May 2024. The Scheme Document sets out the purpose and description of the Scheme and the basis on which interim payments are to be made to infected recipients. It also sets out eligibility criteria.

Please treat this letter as a direction under section 10 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 by the Scottish Ministers that these funds are to be drawn down as needed in order to make interim payments to infected SIBSS scheme beneficiaries. Payments are to be made in accordance with the eligibility and other criteria for further interim payments set out in the Scheme Document.

Please note that this allocation should only be used for these additional interim compensation payments and not for costs associated with delivery of SIBSS (for which a separate allocation

will be provided). At this stage, please only draw down the funds required to make these £210,000 further interim payments.

Yours sincerely,



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