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BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 1609

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on 23rd November 2021 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to the Infected Blood Payment Scheme for Northern Ireland.

Please can you provide me the following information:

The latest figures of the number of recipients of the Infected Blood Payment Scheme for Northern Ireland with the figures broken down into separate categories (hep C, stage 1, SCM, stage 2 etc.).

Please find this information below:

Category	Number of Beneficiaries
Hep C Stage 1	58
Hep C Stage 2	18
Hep C Stage 1 Co infected	1
Hep C Stage 2 Co infected	1
Mono HIV	2
Non Infected Bereaved	25



Please note that in relation to information regarding SCM (Special Category Mechanism), I must advise you that the BSO do not cover this category at the present time.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
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If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
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BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,



Karen Bailey
Acting Chief Executive