

September 13th 2018

BY EMAIL
[REDACTED]

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Our Ref: FOI 943

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on September 11th 2018 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 in Northern Ireland.

1. How many people currently receive support payments in Northern Ireland?

85 regular support payments

2. What the breakdown of those payments would be – how many go directly to those infected and how many go to bereaved spouses/partners?

- 77 directly infected
- 2 infected bereaved spouses/partners
- 6 non infected bereaved spouses/partners

3. How many payments are for HIV/Hep C/both infections?

- 1 HIV
- 3 HIV & Hep C
- 75 HEP C

4. How many payments are for haemophiliacs and how many for non-blood disorder victims?

- 55 Haemophiliacs
- 2 infected by deceased haemophiliacs spouse/ partners
- 22 non blood

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,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

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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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,



Liam McIvor
Chief Executive