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Date: 23rd January 2024

Ref: CORP 2024 – 011

Dear xxxx

**Freedom of Information request: Welsh Infected Blood Support Scheme
(CORP 2024 – 011)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 16th January 2024.

Your Request:

Since the Infected Blood Inquiry was announced in July 2017, how many deaths to date have there been for those registered under the Welsh Infected Blood Support Scheme (WIBSS)?

From within which categories did these occur? (Hepatitis C, HIV, co-infected, widows etc)

And could you break this down into Haemophiliacs (bleeding disorders) or other? (Route of infection) assuming this data is now being collected?

Finally, could you please provide the current number of beneficiaries for WIBSS, with a breakdown of the categories as well please.

Please find the Trust's response below

Since the Infected Blood Inquiry was announced in July 2017, how many deaths to date have there been for those registered under the Welsh Infected Blood Support Scheme (WIBSS)?

Since the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme was established in November 2017, there have been 31 deaths to date, for those registered under the Scheme (WIBSS). We do not hold data for July to October 2017.

From within which categories did these occur? (Hepatitis C, HIV, co-infected, widows etc).

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Category	Deceased
Hep C Stage 1	<6
Hep C Stage 1+	<6
Hep C Stage 2	12
HIV	<6
Bereaved Partners	8

Where the deceased figure is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

And could you break this down into Haemophiliacs (bleeding disorders) or other? (Route of infection) assuming this data is now being collected?

WIBSS is not able to provide the split of haemophiliacs and non-haemophiliacs as we do not hold complete data regarding this.

Finally, could you please provide the current number of beneficiaries for WIBSS, with a breakdown of the categories as well please.

Category	Number of WIBSS beneficiaries
Hep C Stage 1	30
Hep C Stage 1+	92
Hep C Stage 2	37
HIV	<6
HIV and Hep C Stage 1	<6
HIV and Hep C Stage 1+	13
HIV and Hep C Stage 2	<6
Bereaved Partners	47

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I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to

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Yours sincerely

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