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Ref: CORP 2024 - 179

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme (WIBSS) – CORP 2024 - 179**

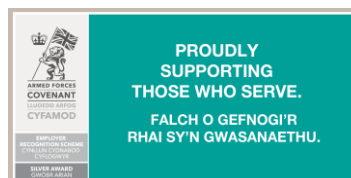
Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Your Request:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the following information. We would like the data to include from when the WIBSS was formed and data prior to this date under the old IBSS scheme to today's date.*

- *The total number of WIBSS members as of today's date including "infected" and "affected." Of those "affected" how many are "children" and how many are "siblings?"*
- *How many members "infected" and "affected" have applied for including declined applications for Therapy? Of those, how many were "children of infected" and how many were "siblings"?*
- *How many declined applications for all groups?*
- *How many applications are currently unprocessed, please include emails sat in your inbox and people waiting for a referral to a therapist?*
- *The average time to process each application from point of contact email/telephone call/website inquiry to successful payout to a member?*
- *How many of those infected or affected (assuming the affected persons details are linked to the infected person recorded member) are*
  - *Hep C Stage 1*
  - *Hep C stage 2*
  - *HIV*
  - *Co infected HIV and Stage 1*
  - *Coinfected HIV and Stage 2*
  - *Coinfected HIV and SCM*
  - *Children of infected broken down into the above categories of infection*
  - *Parents of infected broken down into the above categories of infection*
  - *Siblings of infected broken down into the above categories of infection*

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- Carers/Other dependents broken down into the above categories of infection
  - Widow/Widower broken down into the above categories of infection
  - Civil partners broken down into the above categories of infection
  - Ex partners broken down into the above categories of infection
- The total monetary spends on therapy grants per category of infection and per affected groups, “Sibling” and “children” since WIBSS began in annual spends for 2024 to today’s date?

Please find the Trust’s response below:

- **The total number of WIBSS members as of today’s date including “infected” and “affected.” Of those “affected” how many are “children” and how many are “siblings?”**

The current registered WIBSS beneficiaries as of 25.09.2024 is 177 “infected” and 50 bereaved partners i.e. “affected”. Of those “affected” there are no children or siblings.

- **How many members “infected” and “affected” have applied for including declined applications for Therapy? Of those, how many were “children of infected” and how many were “siblings”?**

A total of 97 individuals have applied for therapy. Of those, 53 are “infected” and 19 are “affected”. A further 25 are children of “infected”.

- **How many declined applications for all groups?**

No applications have been declined.

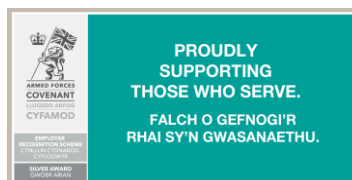
- **How many applications are currently unprocessed, please include emails sat in your inbox and people waiting for a referral to a therapist?**

There are no applications that are currently unprocessed. No individuals are waiting for a referral.

- **The average time to process each application from point of contact email/telephone call/website inquiry to successful payout to a member?**

The service accepts self-referrals and contact with the referrer is made within 2-3 days of receipt of referral. Appointments are offered at the convenience of the client/referrer (i.e. immediate response). Therapy is not time limited.

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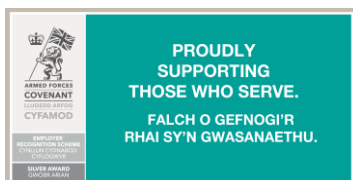
### Counselling

Infected Category	Infected Number	Children Number	Parents Number	Widow/er Number	Partner Number
Hep C Stage 1	<6*	0	0	0	0
Hep C Stage 1+	33	7	<6*	<6*	<6*
Hep C Stage 2	12	11	0	<6*	<6*
Ad Hoc Support for those not on the scheme i.e. during the application process.	<6*	<6*	0	0	0
HIV & Hep C Stage 1	0	<6*	0	<6*	0
HIV & Hep C Stage 1+	<6*	0	0	0	<6*
HIV & Hep C Stage 2	0	<6*	0	<6*	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>&lt;6*</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

\* Where the figure provided 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) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

- **The total monetary spends on therapy grants per category of infection and per affected groups, “Sibling” and “children” since WIBSS began in annual spends for 2024 to today’s date?**

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Financial Year	Application Approved	Cost £	Infected Stage
2024/25	0	0	
2023/24	<6*	320.00	Hep C Stage 2
2022/23	0	0	
2021/22	<6*	2,040.00	Hep C Stage 1+
2020/21	<6*	120.00	Hep C Stage 1+
2019/20	0	0	
2018/19	0	0	
2017/18	0	0	

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We do not routinely offer grants for counselling as we have an in-house service for emotional well-being that includes counselling and psychological support.

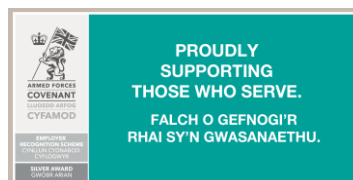
I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:

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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

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