

FORM E GUIDANCE NOTES

APPLICATION TO RECEIVE STAGE II ADVANCED HEPATITIS C PAYMENTS

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

This form is for applicants who are already receiving chronic Hepatitis C payments from the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme with regards to their own infection, who now wish to apply for **Stage II Advanced** Hepatitis C payments.

To be eligible to receive these payments, the applicant must have had a Chronic Hepatitis C infection and have developed either:

- Cirrhosis
- Primary liver cancer
- B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, or
- Has received a liver transplant, or is on the waiting list to receive one

If your circumstances differ to the above, please contact the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme for guidance.

HOW TO APPLY

You should first complete all parts in Section 1 of this form. You should then pass this form in its entirety to a medical professional, who will complete the remaining sections. The medical professional must then send the completed form directly to the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme.

Generally, the medical professional should be the principal clinician treating you. This will probably be the hematologist or infectious disease specialist treating you for Hepatitis C, but in the case of applicants with bleeding disorders (such as hemophilia), it may be a haematologist.

If you have any records of how you were infected, please pass copies of them to the medical professional who will be completing the remainder of the form.

When the medical professional has completed the form, they must send it along with copies of all relevant records direct to the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme. Provided that the information supplied confirms you are eligible to receive payment, you will receive a letter from the scheme to confirm this and will be asked to provide your bank details and any identification required at that point.

HELP WITH THIS FORM

If you require any assistance in completing this form, please contact the Wales Infected Blood Support Scheme on 02920 902280