

England Infected Blood Support Scheme (EIBSS) Discretionary one-off payment application form: Counselling

Notes to applicants

Discretionary one-off payments are a form of financial support that beneficiaries may apply for to cover the cost of certain essential health related items or services.

You must apply for payment before committing to payments of any services or expenditure. Please note any payments you make before approval may not be paid.

Who can apply

To apply for the Counselling discretionary one-off payment, the applicant must be:

- An infected beneficiary registered with EIBSS
- A bereaved beneficiary registered with EIBSS
- A family member of an EIBSS beneficiary

What you can apply for

A discretionary one-off payment of up to £900 per annum, is available towards counselling costs for a beneficiary, bereaved beneficiary and their families. This is in response to beneficiary feedback about the difficulties they have faced when seeking counselling.

Funding is available for:

- The cost of an assessment with a counsellor
- The number of counselling sessions required

How to apply

To apply through EIBSS, the applicant **must** send:

- A completed counselling discretionary one-off payment application form;
- A medical letter from a registered counsellor confirming the cost of the assessment

and/or

- A medical letter from a registered counsellor confirming the cost and number of counselling sessions you require and confirmation of which approved register for counsellors they are on.

Please complete sections 1 – 5 of the application form.

Please note that your counsellor will need to provide a letter to support your application; further details can be found in section 5 of the form.

For help finding a locally registered counsellor visit the links below:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-psychological-therapies-service/> - services near you
- www.mind.org.uk - talking therapy and counselling
- [British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy](http://www.bacp.co.uk)

If you're under the care of a specialist, the treatment centre you attend may be able to refer you to services in your area. You may also get further support from supporting organisations such as [Hepatitis C Trust](http://www.hepatitis-c-trust.org), [Terrence Higgins Trust](http://www.terrencehiggins.org) and [Haemophilia Society](http://www.haemophilia.org).

Sending your application form to us

Please send the application form and the requested information, by post or email to:

FREEPOST EIBSS (valid within the UK only) or at EIBSS, NHSBSA, Bridge House, 152 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 6SN or by email to: nhsbsa.eibss@nhs.net

Sending personal information via e-mail in transit over the internet is at risk of being intercepted. Please visit the below web link for guidance on sending the information to us securely.

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/our-policies/privacy/information-security>

What you can expect from us

We will normally deal with your claim within 30 working days of receiving your form. If we need more information, we will write to you to ask for it.

If you need any assistance with completing your application form please contact us at nhsbsa.eibss@nhs.net or on 0300 330 1294, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Your claim will be assessed by the NHS Business Services Authority, England Infected Blood Support Scheme.

Your personal information will only be used by the NHSBSA on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care to check your eligibility and to administer your application. Information about the NHSBSA's privacy policy is available at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/yourinformation. All personal information will be transferred and stored securely in compliance with Data Protection law.

If we are unable to approve your application for the discretionary one-off payment, we will provide you with the reasons why this has been declined. You can appeal our decision by writing to us within 3 months.

Further details on other discretionary one-off payments that are available are detailed in the [England Infected Blood Support Scheme \(EIBSS\) Discretionary Payments Guidance Document](#).

Section 1a - Applicant's details (who is applying for the counselling)

Title:	Address (including postcode):										
First name:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>										
Last name:											
Date of birth:	Mobile number:										
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EIBSS reference number (if applicable):	Landline number:										
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Marital/civil partnership status:	Email address:										

If applying on behalf of a beneficiary, what is your relationship to them?

We will ask you to supply relevant supporting evidence if you are applying on behalf of an applicant. For example, this may include a Power of Attorney or a signed letter from a GP. If you're unsure what evidence to supply please contact us.

Section 1b - Beneficiary's details (if different than applicant)

Title:	Address (including postcode):																		
First name:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>																		
Last name:																			
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Section 2 - Contact preferences

Please indicate your preferred method by which we may contact you with essential information about the Scheme by ticking the relevant box(es) below:

I prefer to be contacted by: Letter Telephone Email

If you are happy for us to write to you, where would you like us to send any letters?:

My home address

An alternative address (please provide below)

Please let us know if you need your letter in a specific format:

If you have indicated that you are happy for us to contact you by telephone or email, please provide the details you'd like us to use here:

Landline telephone number:

Mobile telephone number:

Email address:

Section 3 - Data Protection

By submitting this form to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA), you confirm that you have read and understood the privacy notice at the end of this form.

Your personal information will only be used by the NHSBSA on behalf of the Department of Health, to check your eligibility for a payment and to administer your application. In the event that you appeal a decision, your information may be disclosed to a panel of experts. Information about the NHSBSA's privacy policy is available at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/our-policies/privacy. All personal information will be transferred and stored securely in compliance with Data Protection law.

By submitting this form to a medical professional, you consent that your medical details necessary to evidence your application will be supplied to the NHSBSA for the purpose of administering your application. If your application is deemed to be ineligible, the scheme will keep your application form on file for up to ten years so that it has a full historical record in the event that you lodge an appeal or if you reapply for a payment. If you have any questions regarding the use of your information, please contact the scheme administrator, by telephone on 0300 330 1294, by email to nhsbsa.eibss@nhs.net, or in writing to FREEPOST EIBSS (valid within the UK only) or to EIBSS, NHSBSA, Bridge House, 152 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 6SN.

Section 4 - Applicant Declaration (to be completed by you/your representative)

Declaration: I confirm that the information given in this application form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and complete. I understand and consent to the sharing of information relating to my medical condition with assigned expert group members of the NHS Business Services Authority for the purposes of applying for increased annual payments and with the NHS Counter Fraud Authority for the purposes of verification of this claim and the investigation, prevention, detection and prosecution of fraud. I understand that if I knowingly give false information, support will be stopped and I may be asked to return any financial support given to me as a result of this application and that I may be liable for prosecution and civil recovery proceedings.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

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Section 5 - Details of request (Counselling)

Would you like to claim for the cost of an assessment? Yes No

What is the cost of the assessment? £

If yes, please request a letter from the counsellor confirming the cost of the assessment.

Would you like to claim for the cost of counselling sessions? Yes No

If yes, please request a letter from the counsellor confirming:

- **the number of sessions required**
- **the cost per session**
- **which approved register for counsellors they are on.**

England Infected Blood Support Scheme - Privacy notice

The NHSBSA will process the information supplied by the charities who previously provided the service for the purposes of administering payments under the EIBSS.

The NHSBSA is providing this service, as it is legally obliged to do so under the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Infected Blood Payments Scheme) Directions 2017.

The NHSBSA can be contacted at the following address: FREEPOST EIBSS (valid within the UK only) or at EIBSS, NHSBSA, Bridge House, 152 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 6SN.

Data sharing

Your information may be shared with other people/organisations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Administrators of other Infected Blood Support Schemes in the UK to ensure you are directed to the correct scheme.
- Medical professionals for the assessment of any future applications/appeals made.
- The Department of Health for planning and information purposes.

The information may be shared for the purposes of preventing fraud and error.

By accepting this information and continuing with your claim you consent to the disclosure of relevant information to the NHSBSA and any other relevant parties they may share it with as outlined above.

Your information will not be transferred outside the EU unless you, at any time, reside outside of that area and the transfer is required in order to write to you regarding the service and/or to make payments to the appropriate bank.

How long we will keep your information

Your information will be retained for seven years following the date of the final payment being made to you or any of your dependents.

Your rights

Information you provide to the NHSBSA will be managed as required by relevant Data Protection law including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

You have the right to:

- Receive a copy of the information the NHSBSA holds about you.
- Request your information be changed if you believe it was not correct at the time you provided it.
- Request that your information be deleted if you believe the NHSBSA is processing it for longer than is necessary to make payments under the EIBSS.

Details of how the NHSBSA processes your data are shown on our website at

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/our-policies/data-protection>

To make use of these rights please contact the NHSBSA Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer
NHS Business Services Authority
Stella House
Goldcrest Way
Newburn Riverside
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE15 8NY

nhsbsa.dataprotection@nhs.net

If you have any concerns about the processing of your information you have the right to contact the Data Protection Regulator:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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