The Eileen Trust

This information sheet is about a Government funded organisation that may be able to help you.

Who Are We?

We are a trust, called the Eileen Trust, set up with a fund to help meet the special needs of people who have been infected with HIV through blood transfusion or tissue transfer.

Who is Eligible for Help From the Trust?

Anyone who has received a settlement payment from the Government because infected with HIV through blood transfusion or tissue transfer may be eligible. Also the dependants of any such person who has died. The Trustees will assess need in individual cases.

With your permission the Department of Health will confirm that your settlement payment has been agreed, and your name can then be added to the Trust register.

What Sort of Help Can We Give?

Financial Help

- A monthly payment is available to help with the additional costs of living with HIV. This can be paid irrespective of your financial circumstances.
- One-off payments are also available to meet health related needs e.g. hospital travel and home care.

Practical Help

We have an experienced social worker who can help you with DSS problems, housing difficulties or in any other area where you may need help.

Telephone Help

We have a confidential helpline for general advice and questions. We can give good basic advice, and, if you wish, put you in touch with experts.
Why We Would Like to Make Contact with You

The Government have given us the responsibility for making sure that the money from the fund is used for the benefit of the people for whom it is intended. This may be you!

We would like you to get in touch with us so that we can identify everyone who is eligible for assistance. The Trust can plan more effectively when it knows how many people it was set up to help, and something about them.

You may not feel that you need or want help from the Trust at the moment, but if you later would like our help we will then be able to respond much more quickly if you are already registered.

What Should You Do?

Please return the enclosed certificate to the Department of Health. This authorises them to give us your name and address. We will then write to you again with more information.

If you wish, you can call us anonymously on our helpline before you make a decision.

Confidentiality

The Trust observes the following rules of confidentiality at all times.

- All confidential information will be rigorously safeguarded.
- Information will be used only for the purposes for which it was given.
- Information about a member will be shared only with the consent of that person.

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