

12 FEBRUARY 2010 – FORTY- NINTH MEETING

- ❖ The Minutes and Resolutions of the previous meeting were approved.
- ❖ It was reported that there were 170 victims of vCJD as at 1 February 2010, according to the figures on the National CJD Surveillance Unit website. However Charles Russell was aware of 176 victims. Main Applications had been received in relation to 173 claims. By the end of this meeting, the Trustees had considered 171 of the claims submitted to date. The Trustees had considered a total of 373 claims for £5,000 Psychiatric Injury, 201 claims for Particular Emotional Hardship and 40 claims for Particular Financial Hardship.
- ❖ The meeting included consideration of seven claims Psychiatric Injury. No new claims were considered.
- ❖ £38.66m had been paid in compensation by the date of the meeting. £12.02m had been paid for costs, expenses and taxes, which included £5.1 million in relation to Charles Russell's fees (inc VAT), £3.45 million in relation to Irwin Mitchell's fees (inc VAT) and £241,000 in relation to other solicitors fees and expenses (inc VAT).
- ❖ The Trustees discussed the Judicial Review proceedings against the Department of Health. They noted that the Hearing of the Application had taken place on 26-27 January 2010 but that Judgment had not been handed down. They were aware that the issue of compensation for Living Victims had been discussed and they agreed to discuss the issue themselves at their next meeting when the Judicial Review proceedings were over.
- ❖ Progress of the Trustees' proposals to the Department of Health to revise the Scheme was discussed. It was agreed that the amended Trust Deed should be signed but that implementation should be delayed until Judgment in the Judicial Review proceedings had been handed down.
- ❖ The need to update the Trust's Website and the numerous precedent documents, including Guidance Notes and Application Forms in light of the new Scheme was recognised. It was acknowledged that this would require a significant amount of work at a time when less compensation was being paid as fewer claims were being submitted.

- ❖ The Deed of Retirement and Appointment for David Churchill's replacement (Dave Joad) was signed by the Trustees. It was discussed that it might be difficult to find candidates for future family Trustees as only a small number of candidates had applied for the position.

- ❖ The Trustees heard that the balance of the Trust's funds had been split between three banks to protect the money. They agreed to obtain an independent investment review to consider the most appropriate strategy for managing the remaining money.