

11 JUNE 2010 – FIFTIETH MEETING

- ❖ The Trustees confirmed their decision to appoint Field Fisher Waterhouse Solicitors as the new Secretariat for the vCJD Trust. This was the first meeting at the new offices.
- ❖ The Minutes and Resolutions of the previous meeting were approved.
- ❖ It was reported that there were 172 victims of vCJD as at 3 May 2010, according to the figures on the National CJD Surveillance Unit website. However Field Fisher Waterhouse was aware of 177 victims. Main Applications had been received in relation to 175 claims. By the end of this meeting, the Trustees had considered 172 of the claims submitted to date. The Trustees had considered a total of 374 claims for £5,000 Psychiatric Injury, 204 claims for Particular Emotional Hardship and 40 claims for Particular Financial Hardship.
- ❖ The meeting included consideration of one claim for Psychiatric Injury and one for Particular Emotional Hardship. One new claim was considered.
- ❖ £38.71m had been paid in compensation by the date of the meeting. £12.13m had been paid for costs, expenses and taxes, which included £5.17 million in relation to Charles Russell's fees (inc VAT), £3.45 million in relation to Irwin Mitchell's fees (inc VAT) and £242,000 in relation to other solicitors fees and expenses (inc VAT).
- ❖ The Trustees noted that Mr Justice Silber had dismissed the Applications in the Judicial Review Proceedings in Judgments handed down on 5 March 2010 and 27 May 2010.
- ❖ The Trustees noted the arguments that had been put forward by families of two Living Victims during the JR Proceedings that the Secretary of State had unreasonably failed to revise the Scheme to provide additional compensation in relation to gratuitous care provided by families caring for long surviving Victims. The Trustees recalled that they had discussed this issue previously. Their view had not changed. They agreed that the Trust was unable to provide further compensation for Living Victims, as the Scheme had never been designed to meet ongoing care needs. These needs were adequately met by the CJD Care Package. They also resolved that no proposal should be made to the Secretary of State for a revision of

the Scheme. They agreed to reconsider the issue when they had seen the submissions made by the Interested Parties to the Judicial Review proceedings on the point.

- ❖ The Trustees considered and approved the preliminary proposals for the redesigned website. In particular, it was noted that the website would need to cater for Victims who would be applying for compensation under both the 'old' and 'new' Schemes.
- ❖ The Trustees considered the report from the independent investment review company and agreed to request further information in relation to the proposals.
- ❖ The accounts for the year ending April 2010 were approved, ready to be audited.