# Contaminated Blood Scandal Victims Set to Receive Up to £2.7 Million in Compensation



**Compensation Reaches Up to £2.7 Million for Blood Scandal Victims**

Victims of the contaminated blood scandal will receive compensation, potentially reaching £2.7 million per affected individual. This development follows the UK government's announcement that the Victims and Prisoners Bill will become law before the general election on July 4, 2024.

The government’s infected blood compensation scheme outlines that individuals with hepatitis will receive between £35,000 for minor cases and up to £1.5 million for severe cases. People infected with HIV could get up to £2.6 million, while those with both infections could receive up to £2,735,000.

Under the new legislation, partners of deceased victims will be compensated with an annual payment of £16,682, and children who lost both parents will receive £22,243 per year until they turn 18. Earl Howe, the Lords deputy leader, stressed the need to finalize operational details, with payments subject to further discussions with devolved administrations.

The contaminated blood scandal affected over 30,000 people who received NHS treatment with infected blood between the 1970s and early 1990s, leading to numerous infections including hepatitis C and HIV, and around 3,000 deaths.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has pledged comprehensive compensation, with payments to be issued either as lump sums or through regular distributions.