



HM Government

Introduction

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) Interim Report and its report on Child Migration Programmes were both published in Spring 2018.

The Inquiry recommended that the UK Government establish a financial redress scheme for surviving former British child migrants on the basis that they were exposed to the risk of sexual abuse.

On 19th December the Government published its response to the Inquiry. The response announced that the Government would establish an ex-gratia payment scheme for former British child migrants, in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy.

This note provides further detail of the payment scheme.

Aim:

The payment is being made in recognition of the exceptional and specific nature of the historic Child Migration Policy. It is payable to all former British child migrants, regardless of whether they suffered abuse, in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic Child Migration Programmes and in line with the recommendation in IICSA's report

Eligibility:

The scheme is open to any former British child migrant who was alive on 1 March 2018, or the beneficiaries of any former child migrant who was alive on 1 March 2018 and has since passed away.

The ex-gratia payment will be payable to all applicants regardless of their individual circumstances, including the receipt of payments received from other Governments or through private legal action.

Conditions:

The claimant must have been a child migrant sent from the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies (England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

In addition, the claimant must have been sent by a church, state, voluntary or other organisation to one of the receiving countries (Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Zimbabwe/former Rhodesia) and must not have been accompanied by an adult family member, or sent to live with a member of their birth family.

Amount:

Each eligible former child migrant will receive a payment of GBP £20,000.

Process:

All applications will be handled by the Child Migrants Trust, who will support applicants in establishing their identity as

former British child migrants, which will be necessary in order to receive a payment.

All payments will be administered by the NHS Business Services Authority. Only that information required to confirm the status and identity of the former child migrant and to make a payment will be required and personal information will be managed in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation