

Witness Name: Dr Jonathan Wilde

Statement No.: WITN3086009

Exhibits: None

Dated: 9 July 2020

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JONATHAN WILDE

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006, dated 20 May 2020 in response to criticisms made by **W1377** in **witness statement WITN1377001**

I, **Dr Jonathan Wilde**, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Dr Jonathan Thornton Wilde MA, MB, BChir, MRCP, FRCPath, MD of GRO-C, Somerset, GRO-C I was born on GRO-C GRO-C 1954. I retired from all clinical practice in August 2016.

2. Previous positions.

- Registrar in Haematology, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield Nov 1984 to Oct 1986.
- Lecturer in Haematology, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield Oct 1986 to Oct 1988.
- Senior Registrar in Haematology, Royal Liverpool Hospital, Nov 1988 to Nov 1992.

-Consultant in Haematology with specialism in Haemostasis and Thrombosis and director of the Haemophilia Service, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Nov 1992 to Aug 2016.

3. I was a member of the UK Haemophilia Doctors Organisation from 1992 to 2016 and a member of the UKHCDO transfusion transmitted infection working party throughout the life of this group from about 1996 to 2010.
4. Unfortunately, as these alleged incidents/events occurred many years ago, I have no specific recollection of them. I have not been provided with any of the relevant medical records by the Inquiry. For that reason, I should like to reserve the right to make a supplemental statement, should the medical records be made available, and should that be necessary.

Section 2: Responses to criticisms made by Witness W1377 in statement number: WITN1377001

I shall deal with each in turn.

Paragraphs 21:

5. As mentioned above, I have not had access to medical records in making this statement and as a result it is very difficult to respond to this incident definitively. That said I am almost certain this has to be a case of mistaken identity. While I would hope that no healthcare practitioner would make such a crass and heartless statement, if one did then I believe there has been an error/mistake about the consultant/doctor involved.
6. I note from the witness's statement that he was not provided with the medical records to prepare his statement and it may be that the passage of time may well have played a part also. I have no recollection whatsoever of this consultation. At the time (late 1990s), as a consultant haematologist specialising in haemophilia, I would not have been involved in fertility management and would not have arranged any fertility investigations from my

clinic. I therefore would not have been involved in the fertility treatment directly.

7. I would have referred such couples to a fertility clinic specialising in sperm washing. My recollection is that this would have been either the service provided at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital or the Walsgrave Hospital Coventry. The clinic staff at either of those two hospitals would have tested the couple's fertility and informed them of the test results. I would never have informed a male patient of the results of a sperm function test as I did not possess the expertise to do this. I can say that it would be completely out of character for me to pass such a flippant and insensitive remark about 'kids not being great', to a couple undergoing fertility treatment. In addition, at the time of this alleged remark none of my children were not of an age to have upended their cereal bowl over me. I am as certain as I can be, without access to the medical records, that this witness is mistaken when he alleges I made this remark.

Section 3 : Other Issues

1.

N/A

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed _____ GRO-C _____

Dated _____ 9/7/2020 _____

