

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER OF INSTRUCTION TO PSYCHOSOCIAL EXPERT GROUP

20.3.2020

Professor John Weinman

Dear Professor Weinman

Re: The Infected Blood Inquiry

1. I am writing on behalf of the Chair to the Infected Blood Inquiry, Sir Brian Langstaff, with further supplemental instructions in relation to the report and oral evidence that has been given by the group. This letter should be read together with the initial letter of instruction dated 25 September 2019 and the supplemental letter of instruction dated 23 December 2019 and the basis upon which you are instructed remains as set out in those letters.
2. A number of questions arose during the course of the evidence the group gave to the Inquiry on 24 and 25 February 2020 which you indicated you would be able to answer in the supplemental report which you are preparing.
3. We remind you that we are not asking you to consider or comment on the experiences of any particular individual.
4. As before, the topics and questions set out below are for the most part framed in broad terms, with the aim of allowing the group to approach the matters as you see fit.

Further supplemental instructions

5. The Inquiry has heard evidence of the stigma those infected with HIV and Hepatitis can experience in a healthcare setting. How can this stigma be addressed? In particular what role does education of the healthcare workforce play?
6. What are the most significant psychosocial recommendations which the group would suggest in order to support patients and minimise further harm in case of healthcare error?
7. May I thank you and the other group members once again for agreeing to assist the Inquiry and for the assistance you have given the Inquiry to date. If there is anything that I can do to assist or there are any aspects of these instructions that you would like to clarify then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Moore Flannery

Infected Blood Inquiry, Secretariat.