

Witness Name: Dr Maurice Strevens  
Statement No.: WITN3808001  
Exhibits: WITN3808002,  
WITN3808003, WITN3808004  
Dated: 8th December 2019

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR MAURICE STREVENIS

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 21 November 2019.

I, Dr Maurice Strevens, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

1. My name is Maurice John Strevens and my address is GRO-C  
GRO-C, Warks, GRO-C My date of birth is GRO-C  
1945 and my professional qualifications are: MB BCh FRCP RCPATH.
2. I held positions at Coventry A.H.A. between 1979-2015 as a Consultant Haematologist, Head of Department (Haematology) and Clinical Director (Medicine). In these roles my responsibilities included clinical care of patients with haematological conditions, laboratory responsibilities in the Department of Haematology and organisational responsibilities relating to the Division of Medicine.
3. I was a member of the United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Directors Organisation and held the role of Haemophilia Centre Director as described by the same institution. When appointed in 1979 I became joint clinical director with Dr. N. K. Shinton. From my appointment in 1979 until Professor Shinton's retirement in 1991 he was responsible for the haemophilia clinic and I had responsibilities for inpatient care, emergencies and for patients in hospital for non-haematological reasons (e.g.

surgery). After 1991 I took over responsibility for the Haemophilia O.P. Clinic until my retirement in 2005.

### **Section 2: Responses to criticism of W0503**

4. All the criticisms relate to an outpatient attendance when the patient was given the information that he was infected with HIV. As stated above, at that time I had no responsibilities in that clinic and have no recollection of the consultation described.
5. I have had the opportunity to review the patient's medical records and believe that I have located the record of the consultation which I believe took place on 12/08/1985. This is exhibited hereto and marked with the letters WITN3808002. It is a true copy of this record. The record was not signed but the handwriting is that of Prof. N.K. Shinton. The record includes the word 'counsel' and also lists further blood tests including a repeat HIV (HTLVIII) test. The result of that test includes the photocopied request details - ordered by NKS and signed by him. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters WITN3808004, it is a true copy of this test result.
6. I also located the resulting letter to the GP dated 13/08/1985, exhibited hereto and marked with the letters WITN3808003. It is a true copy of this letter. This letter is informing him of the positive test and the fact that the patient had been 'counselled' (The original positive HIV test was dated 11/02/1985).
7. I therefore conclude that that the consultation referred to by witness W0503 was a consultation with Prof. Neville Keith Shinton (deceased) and not myself.

### **Section 3: Other Issues**

#### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

**Table of exhibits:**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Notes/ Description</b>   | <b>Exhibit number</b> |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Undated        | Patient Notes detailing an appointment on 12/08/1985 and other dates. | WITN3808002           |
| 13 August 1985 | Letter from N.K. Shinton to Dr Kenyon.                                | WITN3808003           |
| 12 August 1985 | Positive Test Results for HTLV3                                       | WITN3808004           |