

Witness Name: Dr Ashok Roy

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR ASHOK ROY

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I provide this statement in response to a notification under Rule 13 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

I, Dr Ashok Roy, will say as follows: -

#### Section 1: Introduction

1. I, Dr Ashok Roy MD DOB [GRO-C] 1949 and residing at [GRO-C] [GRO-C] Hants [GRO-C]. I retired from Full Time Job as a Consultant Haematologist at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital on 31/12/2018. Prior to retirement I was involved with looking after patients with Malignant and Non Malignant Haematological disorder. I am currently working as a Consultant Haematologist attached to the Peritoneal Malignancy Institute, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Hants RG24 9NA undertaking Research work since January 2019. In 1986, I was a Haematologist at the Lord Mayor Treloar Haemophilia Centre, Alton Hants. During my tenure at the Haemophilia centre I looked after Haemophilia patients registered to the Haemophilia Centre. I did look after the patient who raised some criticism about my care. As the incidents mentioned by the Patient happened nearly 34 years ago, it is very difficult to remember the circumstances and I am trying to respond to the criticisms to the best of my abilities

## **Section 2: Responses to criticism of W0097**

2. As it happened nearly 34 years ago, I am trying to respond to the criticisms to the best of my abilities.
3. In response to the criticism in Paragraph 26, I can say that till my retirement in December 2018, I never had such criticism directed at me by Patients. During this period till retirement, I had the privilege of looking after numerous patients with Non Malignant and Malignant Haematological disorder, and my interaction with them were always positive with good feedback. During this period, I received numerous thank you letters from patients and I have always felt grateful for their feedback.
4. I am responding to Paragraph 29, 30 and 31 jointly and not separately as they are interlinked. In 1986, the virus was still known as Non A and Non B and not much was known about the prognosis and future of individuals infected with the Virus. Dr Mouneer Wassef Senior Clinical Medical Officer has sadly passed away and was senior to me in 1986 at the Haemophilia centre. All conversations would have been initiated by him, being the Senior Member. It is difficult to recollect what happened so many years ago and therefore to make any specific comment. In the absence of any clear idea about the Virus in 1986, information was given to the patient, which was available during that period. As the conversation took place 34 years ago, it is not possible to recollect what exactly was discussed during that conversation as regards counselling.
5. In response to Paragraph 27 and 28, I was not involved with either organising blood tests or psychological tests as mentioned and therefore unable to comment on whether consents were taken. Blood tests were organised by Senior Clinical Medical Officer (SCMO) and therefore I am unable to comment. As regards Psychological tests, I was not privy to who organised it and therefore once again unable to comment on whether consent was taken and how it was organised.

## **Section 3: Other Issues**

6. None

## **Statement of Truth**

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

**GRO-C: Ashok Roy**

Signed

Dated

05/02/2021

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