

Witness Name: Dr Jane Strong
Statement No.: WITN4025001
Exhibits: WITN4025002
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JANE STRONG

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 27 January 2020.

I, Dr Jane Strong, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

Please set out your name, address, date of birth and professional qualifications.

1. Name: Jane Strong
My date of birth and address are known to the inquiry.
Professional qualifications: MBChB, MRCP, FRCPath

Please set out the positions you have held as a haematologist, the organisations in which you held these positions and your role and responsibilities in these positions.

2. Positions held as a haematologist:
3. From 1993-1994 I worked at the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow as a haematology senior house officer. I looked after ward patients and carried out clinics and laboratory work. I was on the on call rota.
4. In 1994 I worked as a locum registrar at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. I worked on the ward, in the outpatient clinic and also on the on call rota.
5. In August 1994 I started on the Nottingham/Derby registrar rotation. As a haematology trainee I worked on the wards, in the outpatient clinics, laboratory and I was also on the on call rota.
6. In 1999 I became a locum consultant at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham specialising in haemostasis and thrombosis and obstetric haematology.
7. From 2000-2004 I was a haemostasis and thrombosis consultant with an interest in obstetric haematology at Queen's Medical Centre.

8. From 2004-2017 I worked at University Hospitals of Leicester as a haematology consultant in haemostasis and thrombosis and I was the clinical lead for the deep vein thrombosis service.
9. I retired in June 2017.

Please set out your membership, past or present, of any committees or groups relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference which can be found on the Inquiry's website at www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk.

10. I have no memberships to declare.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of W1271

11. I have received the relevant medical records from the Inquiry in relation to the patient (witness W1271). I have prepared my response with as much detail as possible based on these records. You will appreciate the historic nature of this request regarding events which took place approximately 25 years ago.
12. I started my Haematology Registrar rotation at Derbyshire Royal Infirmary 1st August 1994. I cannot comment on any HCV testing in April 1993 as this did not involve me, I had not started at Derby Royal Infirmary at that date. I have never been involved in HCV testing for this patient. The consultation in 1995 did not involve me so again I can make no comment on this.
13. My one and only review with the patient (witness with Inquiry reference number W1271) was on 8th August 1994 on the haematology ward (Exhibit: WITN4025002), this was nothing to do with HCV. The review I carried out on the 8th August 1994 was because of an acute problem; a right ankle bleed. This was not related to HCV infection. This was the only time I reviewed the patient.
14. At the review I carried out on the 8th August 1994, for the right ankle bleed acute problem, I documented in the notes 'note situation re prob Hep C' and wrote 'Hep C +ve 6/94, ALT=63' (ref exhibit WITN4025002). My handwritten entries note that the patient had HCV infection and documents in writing a positive HCV result from June 1994 i.e. before I arrived.
15. The ALT=63 refers to a mildly raised liver enzyme, called alanine aminotransferase (ALT).
16. The results of all blood investigations including HCV for haemophilia patients were sent to the Haemophilia sister. The follow up and counselling of these patients was carried out by the consultants. My letter to the GP, Dr Field, dated 16 August 1994 after the review I carried out on the 8th August was in relation to the acute right ankle bleed. I added the note on Hepatitis C to make Dr Field aware of the HCV +ve test result which would have been followed up by the Haemophilia Consultant.
17. I am unable to comment how long the haemophilia team had been aware of the patient's HCV result. I am unable to comment on the length of time between the hospital receiving the results and the patient being informed.
18. In August 1994 the consultants were Dr Mayne and Dr Mitchell. I am unable to comment why the next patient follow up was in 1995. The consultation in 1995 did not

not involve me. The consultation was with a new haematology consultant in the department, Dr MacKernan.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

29/3/21

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
8/8/1994 16/08/1994	Hand written notes entry 8/8/1994, typed letter in notes 16/08/1994	WITN4025002 (medical records hard copy part 1 of 4 pages 23,24)