

Witness Name: Dr Ronald Vaughan Jones

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR RONALD VAUGHAN JONES

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 14 December 2020.

I, Dr Ronald Vaughan Jones, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My names is Dr Ronald Vaughan Jones MA MBBChir FRCP FRCPath. My address is known to the Inquiry and my date of birth is GRO-C 929.
2. I was a consultant haematologist to the Woking & Chertsey Group of Hospitals, later the North West Surrey group. My role and responsibilities were not defined. I assumed it was to be responsible, among others, for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with blood disorders.
3. I belonged to a group of Haemophilia Centre Directors and others- I forget its title.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of W1026

4. In order to avoid needless distress, it was thought wise not to inform patients that they were being screened for HIV as the vast majority would be found negative. I agreed with the idea behind it but wasn't altogether happy about the secrecy.
"To notify you should she present with any illness for which there is no obvious cause" was the advice given by Dr Craske, a virologist (WITN1026003).

5. I did not inform her about the screening as far as I can remember. My feeling was that she was much better off not knowing about it.
6. I have no recollection of these matters but I believe that her statement is probably correct. However, liver disease was not my speciality.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

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