Witness Name: Marilyn Jean Park

Statement No.: WITN5350013
Exhibits: WITN5350014 - 015

Dated:

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

## SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MARILYN JEAN PARK

I provide this supplementary statement in furtherance of my first written statement (**WITN5350001**), which was provided in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 April 2021.

I, Marilyn Jean Park, will say as follows: -

## Section 1. Response to the Written Statement of Debra Pollard (on behalf of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust)

- My first written statement (WITN5350001) contained a number of criticisms of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust ("the Trust"). The Trust responded to these criticisms in the form of a statement by Debra Pollard dated 10 August 2023 (WITN3094056).
- 2. I wish to use this statement to correct some of the inaccuracies contained within Debra Pollard's statement. I do not feel that I can simply leave the Trust's response unchallenged.
- 3. At paragraphs 15 and 16, Debra Pollard stated that my father did not receive home treatment for his haemophilia and thus did not need, or receive, advice on infection control. This is incorrect- he did receive home treatment. However, by "home treatment" Debra Pollard may be

- referring to self-administered treatment. It is correct that my father did not self-administer treatment.
- 4. At certain times home treatment was provided on a regular basis, usually by Patricia Lilley but, on occasion, actually by the author of this statement, Debra Pollard! Home treatment was most regularly, but not exclusively, given during and in conjunction with my father's cancer treatment.
- 5. Indeed, approximately one week before my father died, he was moved from his home into the North London Hospice. Debra Pollard had telephoned to arrange a visit to provide treatment at his home address and, when told that he had been moved to the hospice, travelled there to visit him and to leave coagulant treatment with the hospice clinical team. This support was much appreciated.
- 6. In the body of my first written statement, I also mentioned the fact that my father was provided (by the Royal Free Hospital) with a sharps box for use during his home treatment.
- 7. At paragraphs 8 and 33, Debra Pollard raised the investigations into the cause of my father's hepatitis. At paragraph 8, Debra Pollard referenced the investigation at my father's garage. She stated that "there is no written evidence of the results of his investigation". This is incorrect. Hospital records show that investigations ruled out paint products as being a causal factor in my father's hepatitis. I exhibit these records as WITN5350014.
- 8. At paragraph 33, Debra Pollard again introduced the possibility that my father's jaundice was triggered by paint inhalation. The paint used by my father was tested and cleared as a possible cause of his hepatitis. For clarity, my father's medical records show that, on 22 August 1977, the medical team's entry reads "HAA confirms no Hepatotoxin in paint" (please see exhibit WITN5350014).

- 9. At paragraph 27, Debra Pollard stated that no records exist of my father's admission to Chase Farm Hospital in 1964. This is incorrect. I enclose as exhibit WITN5350015 records evidencing my father's admission to Chase Farm Hospital in 1964.
- 10. At paragraphs 11 and 12, Debra Pollard refuted my contention that the first use of Factor VIII in relation to my father's surgery was a late and undiscussed decision. Neither side can categorically prove their point but, within my father's records, there is a post-surgery report which can be seen to have been prepared detailing the use of only cryoprecipitate. This subsequently needed to be amended by hand. This record was disclosed to the Inquiry as an exhibit to my first statement (WITN5350003).
- 11.I am grateful for the opportunity to respond to Debra Pollard's statement and for my supplementary statement to form part of the Inquiry's body of evidence.

## **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed	GRO-C	
Dated	05.12.23	