

Witness Name: Nicholas Fish  
Statement No.: WITN4466001  
Exhibits: None  
Dated: 11/06/2020

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NICHOLAS FISH

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 13 May 2020.

I, Nicholas Fish, will say as follows: -

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

1. My name is Nicholas Fish. My address is [GRO-C] My date of birth is [GRO-C] 1981. I was the Scheme Administrator of the Skipton Fund and was responsible for administering the hepatitis C ex gratia payment scheme as set out by the Department of Health from January 2006 to October 2017. I was also the Company Secretary of the Skipton Fund for much of this period.

#### **Section 2: Responses to criticism of W2632**

2. Unfortunately, given the large number of applications I processed during my time with the Skipton Fund, the length of time that has passed, and the fact that I have no access to the historic files, I cannot recall the particular circumstances surrounding this application. I can confirm, however, that on no occasion would I have purposefully delayed an application without good reason. Possible reasons for delay were varied and included awaiting further information from an applicant; awaiting further information from the clinician who completed, or was due to complete, the application form; or awaiting further information from another GP surgery or hospital that had been asked to provide further medical information in support of the application.

**Section 3: Other Issues**

3. I do not consider that I have any other evidence which will be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed GRO-C \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 18/6/20