

Witness Name: Professor Peter Hayes

Statement No.: WITN4479001

Exhibits: Nil

Dated: 17/6/20

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR PETER HAYES

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

I, Peter Hayes, will say as follows: -

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

- 1.1 Professor Peter Hayes, Liver Unit, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Little France EH16 4SA  
DOE GRO-C 57
- 1.2 Professor Qualifications: BMSc, MBChB, MD, PhD, FRCPE  
Work as a consultant Hepatologist in the Liver Unit of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh since 1990. My primary employer is the University of Edinburgh. In this role I see patients with a variety of liver disorders including, particularly in the past, patients with hepatitis C infection.
- 1.3 I have previously been President of the British Association for the Study of the Liver and a member of the British Society of Gastroenterology and soon to be President of the Scottish Society of Gastroenterology. I have been on numerous advisory boards for Pharmaceutical companies involved with the treatment of Hepatitis C.

#### **Section 2: Responses to criticism of witness W1935**

- 2.1 In relation to Paragraph 32 on page 9, rather than asking me if GRO-C could be prescribed on a named patient basis, in fact the General Practitioner (document

011), wrote that he would appreciate my advice on this therapy in somebody with Hepatitis C. I am afraid the lady's case notes have been destroyed and I am therefore unable to comment on my reply if the quotation given in paragraph 32 is what I wrote. **GRO-C** particularly in 1999, was not a treatment I have any familiarity with.

2.2 I am afraid I cannot comment on Dr Sutherland's reaction in paragraph 33. Paragraph 34, I am afraid I have no record of this letter and may well have received it. As stated in this paragraph, the patient stopped attending appointments at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. As mentioned above, the case records have been destroyed and I cannot make any comment about the allegation that I was dismissive of her symptoms.

### Statement of Truth

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

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

Dated 17/6/20