

Witness Name: Stuart McPherson

Statement No.: WITN4495001

Exhibits: WITN4495002

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR DONALD STUART MCPHERSON

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

I, Donald Stuart McPherson, will say as follows: -

#### Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Dr Donald Stuart McPherson. My address is Liver unit, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Freeman Hospital, Freeman Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7DN. My date of birth is GRO-C 1975.
2. My professional qualifications are BSc, MBChB, MD, FRCP.
3. I was appointed to the post of Consultant Hepatologist at the Liver unit, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in July 2010. I care for patients with liver disease and am the clinical lead for the North East and North Cumbria Hepatitis C Operational Delivery Network. I have a major clinical and research interest in viral hepatitis and have managed patients with hepatitis C for 15 years.
4. I have no history of membership of committee relevant to the enquiry.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of witness W1871

At paragraph 16 of her statement, witness W1871 states that in 2012, when she was referred to you for confirmation of her hepatitis C diagnosis, she felt that you did not provide adequate information or advice to help her manage or understand the infection. She states that when she asked for further information, you told her something to the effect of 'just carry on'. Please comment on this.

5. My response to the criticism made by the witness is made to the best of my ability having reviewed my clinic letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
6. I am sorry if witness W1871 felt she was not provided with adequate information or advice to understand her infection following her consultation with me in July 2012. Due to the passage of time, I am unable to remember the specifics of the consultation. However, in my clinic letter from the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 WITN4495002 I have stated "I have given her information about hepatitis C and its treatment today".
7. It is my usual practice to have a detailed discussion about hepatitis C and the treatment options at initial consultations and have further ongoing relevant discussions at each consultation depending on investigation results. I would therefore have given the witness an explanation about the diagnosis of hepatitis C and its treatment in that consultation. I am sorry if she felt that my explanations were insufficient.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 30/06/2020

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
19/07/2012	Clinic letter dated 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	WITN4495002