

Witness Name: Dorothy Mary Wright

Statement Number: WITN0789005

Exhibits: WITN0789006-09

Dated: 01.10.19

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DOROTHY MARY WRIGHT

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I provide this addendum to my statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 4 March 2019.

I, Dorothy Mary Wright, wish to add the additional information to my statement as follows:

1. Following the receipt of additional documentary evidence I would like to add three points to my statement, to ensure that my true feelings are represented. I have written a covering letter which I have made available to the Inquiry. **WITN0789006**
2. Firstly, at paragraph 37 of my first witness statement I mentioned an incident whereby I told a surgeon that I had Hepatitis B, under the assumption that he was aware of my status from my medical notes, to which he replied, "Do you know how dangerous this is for other people?"
3. The letter dated 2 March 1988 from Consultant Plastic Surgeon, P M O'Hare, which I have made available to the Inquiry, reveals that this surgeon recorded that I mentioned the Hepatitis as an "incidental statement". I would like to clarify that this is not at all true, I wanted to

make sure that he knew I was Hepatitis B positive. His reaction was not what I expected and I left crying. **WITN0789007**

4. Furthermore, in his letter he states that he deferred the surgery on the grounds of there being insufficient protective clothing available. I would like to clarify that he made no reference to protective clothing and discharged me on the grounds that I was at risk of infecting other people.

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5. Secondly, further evidence which pertains to paragraph 21 of my statement has come to light. In a letter dated 17 August 1999 Dr Smithson states that the chronic compensated liver disease is "almost certainly secondary" to my Hepatitis B. The letter also states that my medical notes from Castle Hill Hospital had "gone astray." **WITN0789008**

6. Thirdly, on 16 November 1999 the same doctor stated that the Hepatitis B had arisen "almost certainly from blood transfusions". **WITN0789009**

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

GRO-C: Dorothy Mary Wright

Dated

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