

Witness Name: Ian Green
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Exhibits: WITN3075009 – 012
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF IAN GREEN

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 8 January 2020 (mistakenly dated 8 January 2019).

I, Ian Richard Green, will say as follows: -

Introduction

1. My name is Ian Richard Green (DOB: [GRO-C]65), Chief Executive of Terrence Higgins Trust. My work address is 439 Caledonian Road, London N7 9BG. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree, am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Justice of the Peace (now on the Supplemental List). I have lived experience of HIV, having been diagnosed in 1996.
2. Terrence Higgins Trust is the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity focussing on HIV prevention, enabling people to live well with HIV and to amplify the voices of people living with or affected by the virus.
3. I respond to numbered paragraphs 1 – 5 of the Rule 9 request as follows.

Paragraph 1

4. Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) was not involved at all in the consultations around the closure of the "Alliance House Organisations".

Paragraph 2

5. In September 2018 I received a letter dated 31 August 2018 from the then Chief Executive of the Macfarlane Trust (MFT) notifying me that MFT was in the process of winding down and that, as a result, MFT was seeking to transfer any remaining assets to another charity with similar charitable objectives. This letter came “out of the blue” and was the first intimation that I had that MFT was considering the transfer of its residual funds and assets to THT. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters “WITN3075009” is a true copy of this letter dated 31 August 2018.

Paragraph 3

6. The funds received from MFT are being held and spent by THT as restricted funds in compliance with the charitable objects and purposes of the MFT as stated in the MFT’s trust deed, for the benefit of those identified in the aforementioned trust deed as being MFT beneficiaries. Those eligible to benefit are individuals with haemophilia and bleeding disorders who have received blood, blood products or tissues from the NHS and have been infected with HIV, their partners, carers, children and dependents, including those where the person infected with HIV has died.
7. As an initial activity THT’s Macfarlane Beneficiary Support Manager engaged with a small number of beneficiaries who had received loans from MFT, all but one of which had been secured by way of legal charge over the beneficiaries’ respective homes, and which remained outstanding when MFT’s funds were transferred to THT. Following discussions with those beneficiaries and after consideration by THT’s trustees the decision was taken to forgive the loans and to discharge the legal charges.

Paragraph 4

8. It was somewhat disadvantageous that, on receipt of the funds, THT received no personal information regarding MFT beneficiaries. This was due to GDPR requirements placed upon the MFT. Expense was therefore incurred writing to beneficiaries via the Skipton Fund, urging beneficiaries to contact THT themselves.
9. In consultation with the loans beneficiaries and a few others who had become aware of THT’s involvement and had made themselves known, the following services were

identified as a means of effectively engaging with beneficiaries at the point of first contact:

- a. A friendly and supportive point of contact – someone beneficiaries can trust to understand their circumstances, and to lean on if the going gets tough;
- b. THT's telephone helpline 'THT Direct', which offers expert practical support for living with HIV including welfare and benefits advice;
- c. THT's well-established and successful Work Positive programme, available online, to assist beneficiaries with gaining new skills and help returning to work or finding a new direction;
- d. Access to specialist counselling services, making funds available for the assessment and diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder to enable beneficiaries to obtain payment for therapeutic treatment through the relevant contaminated blood support scheme.

10. THT is now engaging with a steadily growing number of beneficiaries. In due course these beneficiaries will be asked to nominate and select individuals from amongst their number to constitute a beneficiary steering group. This group will oversee THT's use of the funds and make recommendations as to how the provision of services by THT should evolve in order to meet beneficiaries' needs to the fullest extent possible with remaining funds in accordance with the MFT's objects and purposes.

Paragraph 5

11. A number of key documents, in chronological order, are attached as Exhibits as follows.
12. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters "WITN3075010" is a true copy of the completed Deed of Gift dated 11 December 2018.
13. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters "WITN3075011" is a true copy of the completed Deed of Assignment of Loans dated 11 December 2018.
14. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters "WITN3075012" is a true copy of the completed form TR4 dated 11 December 2018.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Dated 15th February 2021