

Witness Name: Sally Richards

Statement No: WITN4508003

Exhibits: None

Dated: 21/04/2021

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

THIRD WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SALLY RICHARDS

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 April 2019.

I, Sally Richards, Scheme Manager within the National Services Scotland (NSS), Scottish Infected Blood Support Scheme (SIBSS) with responsibility for managing the scheme, will say as follows: -

A. Applications declined, including appeals

In your response dated 16 November 2018 at 5.d, you advised the Scheme has declined twenty-six applications. In your response dated 23 January 2019 at 9., you explained that copies of all declined applications would be shared with the Inquiry.

A review of the folders provided by the Scheme to the Inquiry indicates that there are two of these files missing. We therefore request your response to the following:

- 1. Please confirm the correct number of applications declined by the Scheme and provide the Inquiry copies of all of these applications.**

I can confirm the correct number of Declined applications is 26

- 2. Please confirm the correct number of applications that have been considered for appeal by the Scheme and provide the Inquiry copies of all of these applications.**

I can confirm the correct number of Appeals as at 16/01/2019 to be 2.

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed _____

Dated 21/04/2021