

Witness Name: Sue Phipps
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SUE PHIPPS

I, Sue Phipps, state as follows:

1. I have been reflecting on my evidence to the Inquiry and would like to make one clarification. It is possible that the facts about Caroline Flint MP's letter of 28th July 2006 to Peter Stevens are not as straightforward as I considered during my evidence (see in particular pages 60, 84, 89-93 of the transcript from 12 March).
2. The Trusts' funding each year came from Block Grants and Section 64 Grants, the latter being for administration. When I gave evidence I assumed that Ms. Flint was using the Block Grant as the base figure when she talked about an 11% increase but in fact I think she was probably including the Section 64 grant when she talked about "Government funding".
3. Since giving evidence, I have asked for and have studied the MFT Annual reports for 2006, 2007 and 2008 [**MACF0000045_008**, **MACF0000045_009**, **MACF0000045_10**]. Although I can't completely understand the figures, I don't think I was right to say that overall the trusts only got 1.9% increase, since I think the MFT probably got more than that. However the Eileen Trust figures are clearer, and (taken from the Annual Reports) are as follows:

	Block grant from Government	Section 64 funding	Total
Year ending March 2006	£0	£36,000	£36,000
Year ending March 2007	£177,000	£37,000	£214,000
Year ending March 2008	£140,000	£38,000	£178,000
Year ending March 2009	£178,000	£0	£178,000

4. These figures show that although in the year 2006/07 the Section 64 grant of £37,000 was in addition to the Block Grant of £177,000, from the year 2007/08 the total funding of the Eileen Trust drops substantially.
5. The figure of 1.9% was not a figure that I would have had in mind in 2006 but was just something that I calculated when preparing my evidence. The feeling at the time, accurately, was that the suggested increase was not in fact as significant as the Government were suggesting.

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed;

Dated: Tuesday 16th March 2021