

Witness Name: Sue Phipps  
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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SUE PHIPPS

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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

|                        | <b>Block grant from Government</b> | <b>Section 64 funding</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 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

Signed; GRO-C

Dated: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021