

Name of witness: William Vineall
Statement No: WITN4688074
Exhibits: WITN4688075
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SEVENTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF WILLIAM VINEALL

I provide this statement further to my second statement to the Inquiry dated 29 April 2021 [WITN4688003].

I, William Vineall, will say as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. My name is William Vineall. My professional address is 39 Victoria Street, Westminster, London SW1H 0EU.
2. This is my seventh statement to the Inquiry.
3. I have been Director of NHS Quality, Safety and Investigations at the Department of Health and Social Care since 2016. Part of my role includes oversight of on-going inquiries or investigations pertaining to the responsibilities of the Department, not just restricted to current NHS issues. I am duly authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Department.
4. This statement is provided to update the Inquiry with a copy of the most recent England Infected Blood Support Scheme Service Specification, which replaces the August 2018 version, referred to in my second written statement.

5. At paragraph 14 of my second statement I state:

“The Service Specification is presently being revised. As a result of the Government's announcement in relation to parity on 25 March 2021.... substantial revisions to the Service Specification are needed. A copy will be provided to the Inquiry once it is revised.”

6. Accordingly I exhibit the most recent Service Specification dated 23 December 2021 [WITN4688075].

7. The Service Specification directs NHSBSA in delivering the England Infected Blood Support Scheme and as such will be kept under review and may be subject to further amendments in due course. If a further revision of the Service Specification is available during the lifetime of the Inquiry then a copy of this will be provided as soon as practicable.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true and confirm I am duly authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Department.

Signed:

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Dated: 15 March 2022

Full name: William Vineall

Position: Director of NHS Quality, Safety and Investigations