

Witness Name: Breda Kavanagh

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BRED KAVANAGH

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20 May 2022.

1. Was there a sewage leak, or other event, at St Mary's Hospital which caused the destruction of records at some stage before 2003?

I, Breda Kavanagh, will say as follows: -

Attempts have been made to locate information regarding this and whilst it appears that a flood may have occurred, corporate records are only retained for 7-10 years and unfortunately therefore no information is available.

A colleague who has worked in the health records department for some considerable years recollects a flood occurring, and that the paper records which were damaged were sent to a document recovery company, repaired and returned. Unfortunately no documents exist relating to this.

Imperial College Healthcare Trust has moved from paper to digitised records, but should an incident such as this occur then this would be reported in line with our risk management reporting processes (Datix) and investigated.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Role: Deputy Health Records Manager

Organisation: Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

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