

Witness Name: Emile Armour

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Exhibits: None

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## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF EMILE ARMOUR ON BEHALF OF PORTSMOUTH HOSPITALS UNIVERSITY NHS TRUST**

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 23 May 2022.

I, Emile Armour, Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer for Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust will say as follows: -

**1. Was there a flood, or any other event, at St Mary's Hospital which caused the destruction of records?**

The Trust were unable to confirm or deny the existence of a flood within the medical records department of St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. The Trust have interrogated our incident reporting system Datix (2002 – 2016) and there was no incident of this nature recorded. Incidents prior to 2002 were completed on paper and have been destroyed in line with retention policies. The Trust have made inquiries of two staff members who were employed in this department during this time frame, but neither can remember a flood occurring at St Mary's Hospital (1987-1997). In 1995 the medical records department moved to Queen Alexandra Hospital and then was relocated to our Mitchell Way site in 2009.

#### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

**GRO-C**

Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer

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