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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN3365004 OF MR CHARLES HAMILTON MASSEY

WITN3365004 (referred to as CM/3 in WITN3365001)

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Our legal framework

The GMC has a legal duty under the Medical Act 1983 to investigate allegations of impaired fitness to practise that are raised with us. Under section 35C(2) of that Act, a doctor's fitness to practise can be impaired on one of six grounds – misconduct, deficient professional performance, a criminal conviction or caution, a determination by another regulatory body in the UK or overseas, adverse physical or mental health, and not having the necessary knowledge of English. If we receive a complaint about a doctor, we consider it on the specific facts of the case, drawing on the advice of expert witnesses where necessary, in order to decide whether to investigate and, if so, whether to take regulatory action. Where there is a serious or persistent failure to meet the standards in our guidance that puts patients at risk, or threatens public trust in the profession, then we consider taking action against a doctor's registration. Exercise of our powers under the Medical Act is governed by the General Medical Council (Fitness to practise rules) 2004.