

Witness Name: Alwen Williams

Statement No.: First

Exhibits: None

Dated: 8 May 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ALWEN WILLIAMS

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 15 March 2019.

I, Alwen Williams will say as follows: -

Introduction

1. I make this statement in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Barts Health NHS Trust ("the Trust"). I am responsible for overseeing the operational function and provision of health services to the population of the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest. I have held this post since 1st June 2015.

Criticism of Della Hirsch

2. I would like to offer my condolences to Mrs Della Hirsch and her family for the loss of her late son, Mr Nick Hirsch.
3. I am not a clinician and am therefore unable to comment clinically on the criticisms levied at the trust by Mrs Hirsch in relation to the care and treatment provided to Mr Hirsch. I refer the Inquiry to the detailed written report provided by Professor Graham R Foster dated 27 March 2019.
4. I have every confidence that the care provided to Mr Hirsch was optimal.

5. The Trust will endeavour to assist the Inquiry in any way we can.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed _____

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Dated _____

8/5/2019