

Witness Name: Carolyn Challis

Statement No.: WITN0622

Exhibit: **WITN0622006-12**

Dated: 24 April 2019

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### SECOND ADDENDUM TO WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CAROLYN CHALLIS

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I provide this addendum to my statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 2 January 2019.

I, Carolyn Challis, wish to amend my statement and say as follows:

1. I wish to clarify a number of points that I made in my statement dated 1 March 2019 to ensure that my true thoughts are represented.
2. At paragraph 12 of my statement, I refer to, but fail to attach, a letter written on 3 March 2005 by Dr Cramp, in which Dr Cramp states "In Mrs Challis's particular case her only risk factor for acquiring Hepatitis C appears to be the use of blood and blood products during her treatment in 1992". Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters **WITN0622006** is a true copy of that letter.
3. At paragraph 6 of my statement, I describe pancytopenia as low platelet count when it is in fact deficient counts of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets.
4. At paragraph 11 of my statement, I state I underwent venesections when in fact I had numerous Venflons.
5. I would like to add additional information to Section 7, Financial Assistance, of my statement. At paragraphs 56 and 57 of my statement, I refer to my application to the Skipton Fund and its subsequent refusal. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters **WITN0622007** is a true copy of Part 4A of the application, which was completed by Professor Cramp.
6. At paragraph 57 of my statement, I state that my application was rejected on the basis that the likely date of my infection by the NHS fell after the September 1991 cut-off date. Exhibited hereto and marked with the letters **WITN0622008** is a true copy of the letter from Keith Foster, Scheme Administrator of the Skipton Fund to me dated 14 December 2004. In it, Mr Foster explains that my claim was declined because my infection was outside of the time limit.
7. Further exhibited hereto marked with the letters **WITN0622009** is a true copy of the letter from Mr Foster to Dr Hamon dated 18 February 2005, where he explains that all blood products after 5 September 1991 used within the NHS would have been screened for Hepatitis C and, therefore, I was ineligible for financial assistance.

8. At paragraph 58 of my statement, I refer to the many letters that I sent in order to formally appeal the decision of the Skipton Fund. Exhibited hereto marked with the letters **WITN0622010** is a true copy of the letter that I wrote to the Skipton Fund dated 23 March 2005.
9. Further exhibited hereto marked with the letters **WITN0622011** is a true copy of a further letter dated 4 March 2007 that I wrote to the Skipton Fund in advance of my appeal, outlining that three of my consultant doctors were of the opinion that my case merited judgment in my favour.
10. My appeal of the Skipton Fund's decision to deny me financial assistance was unsuccessful. Exhibited hereto marked with the letters **WITN0622012** is a true copy of a letter from Mr Mark Mildred, Chair of the Skipton Funds Appeal Panel, to me dated 26 March 2007. In it, Mr Mildred states that because my infection occurred after September 1991, it was outside the terms of the Fund and there was no discretion to change the time limits. On the basis, the appeal was refused.

#### Statement of Truth

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

Signed

**GRO-C**

Dated

25th April 2019

### EXHIBIT LIST

Date	Description	Exhibit Number
3/03/2005	Letter from Dr Cramp stating that most likely cause of Hepatitis C in patient was blood transfusions in 1992.	<b>WITN0622006</b>
Undated	Part 4A of Skipton Fund financial assistance application completed by Dr Cramp	<b>WITN0622007</b>
14/12/2004	Letter from Keith Foster, Scheme Administrator of the Skipton Fund, to Ms Challis, explaining the reasons why her claim was declined.	<b>WITN0622008</b>
18/02/2005	Letter from Keith Foster to Dr Hamon, explaining the reasons why Ms Challis's claim was declined.	<b>WITN0622009</b>
23/03/2005	Letter from Ms Challis to the Skipton Fund in relation to the appeal of their decision.	<b>WITN0622010</b>
4/03/2007	Letter from Ms Challis to the Skipton Fund in support of her appeal.	<b>WITN0622011</b>
26/03/2007	Letter from Mark Mildred, Chair of the Skipton Funds Appeal Panel, to Ms Challis, advising of the outcome of the appeal.	<b>WITN0622012</b>