Witness Name: Elizabeth Helen Carroll

Statement No: WITN3078007

Exhibits: WITN3078008

Dated:

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

## SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH HELEN CARROLL

- I, ELIZABETH HELEN CARROLL of The Haemophilia Society, Willcox House, 140
- 148 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1LB, will say as follows:
  - I am the CEO of The Haemophilia Society ("the Society") and commenced employment in January 2014. I have no direct knowledge of the archiving of the documents by the Society prior to this date.
  - 2. The information contained within this statement is based on information I have been given by past and/or present members of the Society. Where facts or information is within my own knowledge, I have stated this.
  - 3. I have been directed to provide a witness statement by the Inquiry that exhibits a list of all documents and information within the Society's custody or control with potential relevance to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, including:
    - a. detailed descriptions of the documents and information so as to enable the Inquiry to determine their relevance to the Terms of Reference;
    - b. the nature of the document or information listed, e.g. document, file or box, and its volume or size;

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- c. the source of the documents and information, including the names of persons who provided the documents and information to the Society.
- 4. In order to assist the Inquiry, I exhibit a copy of the Schedule of documents held by the Society scanned onto an external platform as Exhibit WITN3078008 ("the Schedule"). The Schedule comprises of Columns headed A-H has been generated by those who have scanned the documents on behalf of the Society. Each box has been given a barcode (Column A) that contains files or bundles of documents that have been given a separate barcode (Column B).
- Columns C and D contain the THS Box number and description of the file or bundle taken from the archive boxes labelled by me and a colleague when they were packed in anticipation of the relocation of the Society as set out in my previous statement WITN3078005.
- 6. Column E is a brief description of the file or bundle provided by those that scanned the documents on behalf of the Society.
- Column F contains the number of individual documents within a file or bundle and Column G contains the number of pages of those files or bundles.
- 8. Column H sets out the source where known of who gave the documents to the Society. Many of the boxes have source 'Unknown'. When I commenced employment with the Society in 2014 there were a number of filing cabinets that contained documents held by the Society and I am not able to provide the source of those with certainty. The Board members have a limited term of office, the history of the Board is set out in exhibit WITN3078006 as attached to my previous statement and therefore due to the lack of any formal archiving records we do not have a history of the source of the documents. Therefore, it is not possible to provide the source as set out at paragraph 3c above.
- 9. In order to try to assist the Inquiry, some documents clearly have been in the public domain e.g press cuttings and Hansard Official Reports. Also, it would be safe for the Inquiry to infer, where the Society has generated documents

itself e.g AGM Minutes, that these were generated within the Society itself. I do not know and cannot state who drafted them. Where they are signed by the Chair of the Board, then these can be taken as approved by the Board.

- 10. Also, I am informed that the Society generated documents such as Newsletters for circulation however I cannot state who drafted them.
- 11. Some documents are correspondence, and the addressee and author can be seen on the face of the documents themselves.
- 12.I understand that some boxes of documents came into the Society from third parties and this is stated on the Schedule.

## **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed	GRO-C	
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Dated 30	.1.19	