

Witness Name: Dr. Colin Taylor

Statement No: WITN3088001

Exhibits: WITN3088/002-004

Dated: 25 April 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR. COLIN TAYLOR

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

I, **Dr Colin Taylor**, will say as follows:

Section 1

1. Dr. Colin G Taylor, GRO-C
DOB GRO-C 1942.
MBBS, LRCS, FRCP, FRCPath.

2. I set out below only those positions I held as a consultant but will provide other information if the enquiry requires it:
 - Consultant Clinical Haematologist. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust - September 1975 to April 2003.
 - Honorary Lecturer, Kings College School of Medicine - Sept 1997 to April 2003.

My position was for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with haematological problems including haemophilia. The unit was designated as an associate haemophilia centre.

3. Membership of the National Haemophilia Society, attending annual meetings at Oxford.

Section 2

4. Ms Wintle was given commercial Factor V111 Concentrate to help prevent bleeding during her operation to manipulate her spine.

In 2002 I was asked to provide batch numbers for the concentrate used. At that time the invoices with the batch numbers were stored in the hospital finance department. These records were destroyed after every 10 years, thus we were unable to find the relevant batch numbers.

I categorically wish to state that at no point in my career have I personally destroyed any medical records or directed others to do so.

I exhibit copies of a letter dated 30 July 2002 to Ms Wintle from the Trust's Chief Executive, Mr Collinson (WITN3088/002) and a letter dated 3 May 2002 from myself to Ms Wintle (WITN3088/003); and address the issue of the destruction of patients issue records for blood products. I exhibit a copy of the minutes from the meeting with Ms Wintle on 26 November 2002 (WITN3088/004).

5. Ms Wintle was treated with Factor V111 concentrate from Immuno which was at that time the product supplied to all haemophilia units by the NHS.
6. It is my custom and practice to inform all patients of the risks of any particular form of treatment. When I met Ms Wintle in November 2002 I explained that I could not remember exactly what was discussed with her, as more than 20 years had elapsed. I apologised if I had not discussed the risks of treatment with her. I do not recall ever using the phrase "mere oversight" in relation to important matters such as side effects of treatment.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

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