

Witness Name: David James Perry  
Statement No: WITN3173003  
Exhibits: None  
Dated: 22/6/2019

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### THIRD WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DAVID JAMES PERRY

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I provide this statement in response to a request for a written statement under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

I, David James Perry, will say as follows:-

#### Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is David James Perry. My date of birth is  1954. My address is
2. My professional qualifications are MB ChB (University of Edinburgh) 1978; MRCP (UK) 1980; MRCPPath 1985; MD (University of Edinburgh) 1992; PhD (University of Cambridge) 1993; FRCPath 1995, FRCPEdin 1997; FRCPLond 2008.
3. I was appointed to the West Midlands rotational training scheme in Haematology in July 1983 and left in November 1987.
4. In April 1985 to September 1986, I was a trainee senior registrar at the Birmingham Children's Hospital. I worked under the supervision of Consultant Haematologists, Dr FGH Hill and Dr PJ Darbyshire.
5. My responsibilities during this period was the management of children with haematological disorders, under the close supervision of both consultants.
6. I have no membership of any committees or groups, past or present that are relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

**Section 2: Letter dated 11 October 1985**

7. At paragraph 30 of his statement Mr Beard makes reference to a letter that Dr V E Mitchell Consultant Haematologist at the Leicester Royal Infirmary sent to you, which states, 'We note that [Mr Beard] is HTLV 3 antibody positive, but is not aware of this and that you do not wish this to be divulged to him. We shall make every effort to comply with your wishes'. The letter is dated 11 October 1985. On what date did you know that there had been a positive HIV test in relation to Mr Beard?
8. As I outlined in my previous statements - dated 17 May 2019 and 17 June 2019, I am unable to comment upon the screening for HTLV 3 antibodies and when, therefore, I became aware of the HTLV 3 antibody status in Mr Beard. I was not responsible for instituting viral screening of patients registered with the Haemophilia Centre at The Birmingham Children's Hospital. The letter stating that I did not wish the HTLV 3 antibody status to be divulged to Mr Beard would have been the instructions I had received from my senior consultant colleagues and not a decision I would have made independently.
9. I was at this time a trainee under the close supervision of Dr FGH Hill, consultant haematologist at The Birmingham Children's Hospital.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signe

GRO-C

Date

22/6/2019