

Witness Name: Alwen Williams

Statement No.: First

Exhibits: None

Dated: 8 May 2019

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ALWEN WILLIAMS**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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