

Witness Name: Michael William McKendrick

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MICHAEL WILLIAM MCKENDRICK

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

I, MICHAEL WILLIAM MCKENDRICK, will say as follows: -

#### Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Michael William McKendrick and I live at GRO-C  
GRO-C My date of birth is GRO-C 1948. My qualifications are M.B., B.S., FRCP (London) and FRCP (Glasgow).

2. The positions I have held as a medical professional are as follows:

#### Training posts:

Junior House Physician August 1972 – July 1973

Middlesex Hospital

Central Middlesex Hospital

Senior House Officer, Medicine August 1973 – July 1974

Ipswich Hospital

Registrar, Medicine August 1974 – Oct 1975

Ipswich Hospital

Registrar, Medicine and Diabetes  
General Hospital Birmingham

Oct 1975 – Dec 1977

Research Registrar, Infectious Diseases  
East Birmingham Hospital

June 1978 – May 1979

Senior Registrar, Infectious Dis. and Trop Med  
East Birmingham Hospital

June 1979 – Aug 1981

Career grade post:

Consultant Physician,  
Regional Department of Infection and Tropical Medicine  
Sheffield

Sept 1981 – 2012

Responsibilities in consultant post:

- Clinical care of patients as in patients and outpatients.
- Outpatient clinics in which I was involved included a general clinic and a specialist hepatitis clinic (hepatitis B and hepatitis C) which I led with team of staff including other doctors, nurse consultant, nurse specialists, psychologist and also including multidisciplinary meetings involving a radiologist and a pathologist and a hepatologist.
- Lead physician for Department of Infection and Tropical Medicine
- Active involvement in research (including in hepatitis C) and teaching.

Honorary Professor  
Division of Genomic Medicine  
University of Sheffield

2004

3. The service I led was to diagnose and provide care and support for those who had or were suspected of having HCV infection acquired from any source. I was not involved in any committees which related to procurement or delivery of blood products.

## Section 2: Response to Statement of Susan Harrison

4. I have been retired for 8 years and do not have access to Susan Harrison's medical notes but would be pleased to review these if the Inquiry believes this is necessary.

The following comments are made from personal recollections which are correct to the best of my belief.

5. I recall the discussion with Mrs Harrison about a test undertaken in the 1970s in relation to evaluating a possible bleeding disorder which she described to me. I have no personal knowledge of the nature of such a test for possible Von Willebrand's which would be an issue for a haematologist.
6. I recall being persuaded from the history taken from Mrs Harrison that the only potential risk factor for exposure to HCV infection identified was the blood factor which I understood had been given as part of the test. I concluded as I recall that this was the source of the HCV infection on the balance of probabilities and, as such, supported her application for receiving compensation through the Skipton Fund.

### Section 3: Other Issues

7. There are no other issues which I have evidence of which I believe would be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference.

### Statement of Truth

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

GRO-C

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

1 June 2019