

Witness Name: Dr Muriel Louise Tillyer

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR MURIEL LOUISE TILLYER

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

I, Dr Muriel Louise Tillyer, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

Dr Muriel Louise Tillyer

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London

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Date of birth **GRO-C** 1950

MB.ChB, FRCP, FRC.Path

Consultant Haematologist Posts

1. Senior Lecturer in Haematology, London Hospital Medical College, and Honorary Consultant Haematologist, Newham General Hospital and Royal London Hospital, 1983-1997. I provided a comprehensive clinical haematology service at Newham General Hospital, and a specialist haemoglobinopathy service at Royal London Hospital, and later at Barts & The London Hospitals. I ran a joint haematology/obstetric clinic at Royal London Hospital for women

with haematological problems in pregnancy. I did not have responsibility for haemophilia care in this post.

2. Consultant Haematologist, Lewisham Hospital, 1997-2006. I provided a comprehensive clinical haematology service at Lewisham Hospital, and was also Haemophilia Director for its medium sized Haemophilia Centre. I was lead clinician for haemoglobinopathies and haemostasis, and ran a service for women with haematological disorders in pregnancy. I also managed patients with haematological malignancies. I participated in an on-call rota for haematology with Guy's Hospital.
3. Consultant Haematologist, Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust, 2006-2017, and Honorary Consultant Haematologist 2017-18 (post retirement). This post in a specialist heart and lung trust, involved less direct clinical management of patients, but I acted in a diagnostic and advisory capacity for all haematological problems in the trust, including complex haemostasis. I managed a small number of patients with hereditary bleeding disorders having surgical and other invasive procedures at the trust, in conjunction with appropriate Comprehensive Care Centres.
From 2012-2017 I was also Director of Pathology for Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust

I was a member of the UK Haemophilia Doctors' Organisation from 1997-2006, while Haemophilia Director at Lewisham.

Section 2: Criticism of Graham Manning

This witness statement has been prepared as requested in response to paragraph 44 of the witness statement of Graham Manning in which he states that following removal of his gall bladder in 2001:

"Tests were carried out on my gall bladder which showed I had *chronic collop with ulceration (my italics)*. This is common in patients with Hepatitis C but I was not advised of this by either Dr Tillyer or Dr"

I am preparing this witness statement without having seen the medical notes of Mr Manning apart from the exhibits sent with the Rule 9 request, and it is based on my

own recollections of my practice at the time rather than specific knowledge of Mr Manning.

I do not recognise the term *collop* and I have assumed that this should read cholecystitis or cholelithiasis (respectively inflammation of the gall bladder and gall stone disease). I have also assumed that the description was from an histology report on the gall bladder, following surgery.

In 2001 I was not aware that gall stone disease was more common in people with hepatitis C (HCV). In subsequent years data have been published showing a significant increase in the prevalence of gall stone disease in people with HCV (reference abstracts attached). I had not noted this to be a common issue among the cohort of patients with hereditary bleeding disorders and HCV under my care between 1997 and 2006.

To the best of my recollection I was never asked about an association between HCV and gall stone disease by anyone while I was Haemophilia Director at Lewisham Hospital, or at any time since. If I had been so asked, I would have said I was not aware of this but that I would look for published evidence.

Section 3: Other Issues

1. None

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 27 MAY 2019