

Witness Name: Dr Paul Giangrande

Statement No.: WITN3311013

Exhibits: WITN3311014

Dated: 7 July 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FOURTH WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR PAUL GIAGRANDE

I provide this Statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 15 March 2022. I have relied upon a letter that I wrote to Mrs Karen Millard dated 18 April 2011 which is contained in medical records of Mr Russell Millard which was retained at the Oxford Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre, which is referred to as exhibit WITN3311014 attached to this witness statement.

I, Dr Paul Giangrande, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

Name, address, date of birth and professional qualifications:

1. Paul Leo Francis Giangrande dob: [GRO-C]1955
[GRO-C], Oxfordshire [GRO-C]
BSc, MD, FRCP (Lond., Edin. & Ire), FRCPath, FRCPCH

Please set out the positions you have held as a haematologist, the organisations in which you held these positions and your role and responsibilities in these positions:

2. Consultant Haematologist at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, based in the Oxford Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre at the Churchill Hospital from April 1st 1991 until my retirement on 31st May 2015. My primary responsibility was the clinical management of both adults and children with inherited bleeding disorders.

Please set out your membership, past or present, of any committees or Groups:

3. I was a member of the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation (UKHCDO) throughout my time in post in the NHS although I never held senior elected office within that body. My primary engagement outside the hospital throughout my career was with patient organisations. I was honoured to be elected to the senior medical position within the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) for two consecutive terms from 2000-

2008 inclusive. I was the first and only British physician to be elected to this position. I also served as Chairman of the Medical Advisory Group of the European Haemophilia Consortium (EHC) from 2013-2018 inclusive and I still continue to work with this organisation but in other roles.

Section 2: Responses to Criticisms

4. I received a copy of the First Witness Statement of Samantha Millard (signed on 29 April 2019) on 10 March 2022. I have specifically been asked to comment on allegations in paras. 51 and 52 of her Statement which relate to the availability of clinical notes relating to her late father, Russell Millard.
5. I was not involved in the medical care of Russell Millard as he died in 1990 and I started work at the Oxford Haemophilia Centre in April 1991.
6. The Oxford Haemophilia & Thrombosis Centre still has clinical records relating to Mr Russell Millard and I have reviewed these in order to prepare this Statement.
7. Samantha Millard refers in para 52. to a meeting with me in which she saw me holding her father's medical records. I do not dispute her account of this meeting. She asked if she could read these notes but I told her that I could only provide them if she sought written permission from the Trust. I confirm that this was the standard required procedure within our Trust. I offered to go through the notes with Ms Millard afterwards if she obtained the required authorisation. In the event, she decided not to go ahead then and request a copy of the notes as she felt that the content might upset her.
8. Ms Millard writes in para. 51 of her Statement that: "My mother applied to the Skipton Fund to see whether she could obtain any grants to assist our family but her applications were turned down. Dr Giangrande advised the Skipton Fund that my father's medical records had been destroyed about 10 years ago." The documents supplied by Ms Millard as Exhibits do not provide any independent evidence to support this last assertion which I deny.
9. I had a meeting with Karen Millard (widow of Russell Millard) and Russell Millard's mother at the Oxford Haemophilia & Thrombosis Centre on 14 April 2011. Samantha Millard was not present at this meeting. Exhibit WITN3311014 is a letter dated 18 April 2011 which I sent to Mrs Karen Millard which summarises the key points of our discussion. The family wanted to apply for an *ex gratia* payment from the Skipton Fund. I explained to both of them that I did not feel that their application to the Skipton Fund would be successful as Russell Millard's PCR test for hepatitis C had been negative. At that time, the combination of a positive antibody test and negative PCR test for hepatitis C did not satisfy the Fund's criteria for payment as it was considered to be indicative of spontaneous clearance of the viral infection. The family went ahead and submitted an application but, as I had predicted, this was not successful. The fact that the application for a payment was unsuccessful was not because Mr Millard's clinical notes were missing.
10. It is very clear from my letter in Exhibit WITN3311014 that Russell Millard's notes were available to me at the time of my meeting with Russell Millard's mother and widow and that our discussion was based on their contents.
11. Samantha Millard's assertion in paragraph 51 of her Statement that I told the Skipton Fund that her "father's medical records had been destroyed" is demonstrably not true.

Section 3: Other Issues

None

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated 7 July 2022