

Witness Name: Sandra Elizabeth
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SANDRA ELIZABETH CARMAN

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 May 2019.

I, Sandra Elizabeth Carman, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My details are as follows:

Name: Mrs Sandra Elizabeth Carman

Address: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, 8 Beech Hill
Road, Sheffield, S10 2SB

Date of birth: GRO-C 1969

Professional qualifications: BSc in Occupational Therapy, MSc Healthcare Practice,
IoD Diploma in Company Direction, Diploma in Human Resource
Management.

2. My current role at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is that of Assistant Chief Executive. My responsibilities include: Corporate Governance and incorporate the role of Trust Secretary for the organisation.

Section 2: Response to Statement of Susan Harrison and Question 3 and 4 of the Rule 9 request.

3. With regard to question 3a and 3b we do not hold the historic records for the Sheffield Royal Infirmary consultation in 1976 and therefore cannot categorically state the reason for the testing.
4. With regard to question 4, I am able to confirm that some of the hospital records for Sheffield Royal Infirmary were held on microfiche. This hospital closed in 1980 and it is likely that the more recent records at that time were placed onto microfiche. In accordance with Department of Health Guidance and Trust governance arrangements the retention of all historic records is kept under review and I understand these historic microfiche were destroyed.
5. Question 4a) In 2013, all microfiche were destroyed in accordance with the retention and destruction schedule which forms part of the Records Management Code of Practice. I am unable to say whether these included the very old microfiche records from the Sheffield Royal Infirmary which may have been destroyed even earlier. If any of these records had been in paper format they would also have been destroyed.
6. Question 4b) The information was not saved in any other format.
7. Question 4c) The destruction of all old microfiche was in line with Trust policy and the 2013 destruction was authorised by the Patient Records Committee and by the then Medical Director, Dr David Throssell in July 2013.
8. There are rare occasions when the Trust is asked to retain records for a Public Inquiry. Apart from recent Infected Blood Inquiry correspondence we are not aware of any historical request to retain specific medical records from any external agency or the Trust insurers NHS Resolution.

9. Question 4d) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust adhered to the Records Management NHS Code of Practice, produced by the Department of Health and Social Care, and the retention schedule therein. The policy and schedule are attached.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 15 June 2019