

Witness Name: Sandi Carman

Statement No.: WITN3425031

Exhibits: N/A

Dated: 14 February 2023

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SANDI CARMAN**

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I provide this statement on behalf of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 January 2023.

I, Sandi Carman, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

1. My name is Sandra Elizabeth Carman and my address is Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, 8 Beech Hill Road, Sheffield, S10 2SB. My date of birth is GRO-C 1969 and my professional qualifications are: 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 Criticism by W1461**

3. Thank you for the Issuance of the Rule 9 to provide the Trust with the opportunity to respond to the criticism made by witness W1461. On receipt of the Rule 9 request and following notification to the Inquiry that the Trust would endeavour to access the patient records; the Trust began efforts to access any medical records related to the patient.
4. Despite extensive searches by the Medical Records Team, due to the passage of time, no medical records related to the patient have been identified. The Medical Records Team used a variety of systems in their efforts to identify any information.
5. In the absence of the medical records, and without consultation from the late Professor Blackburn and Professor Preston who is no longer in the Trust, we are unable to respond directly to the comments made in the witness statement.
6. We have engaged with Professor Michael Makris who was stated in the letter as being one of the patient's consultants. Professor Michael Makris would like to note that he started training in haematology in Sheffield in July 1987 and he was appointed as a consultant in December 1994. As witness W1461's father died on 18 May 1986, Professor Makris has never met him.
7. Whilst we cannot respond directly to the comments, we would like to take the opportunity to apologise to the patient's family that they didn't feel the experience and treatment received whilst under our care was delivered with the care and compassion that we usually uphold.

### **Section 3: Other Issues**

8. N/A

### **Statement of Truth**

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

**GRO-C**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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