Witness Name: Caroline Leonard Statement No.: WITN34490022

Exhibits: NONE

Dated:

### **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

# THIRD WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CAROLINE LEONARD FOR BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20 May 2019.

I will say as follows:-

## Introduction

- My name is Caroline Leonard. My date of birth is GRO-C 1967. My professional address is "A" Floor, Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road, BT9 7AB. I hold the following qualifications; BSc Economics and MSC Health and Social Care Management
- 2. I am the Director of Surgery and Specialist Services at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust as such I have responsibility for most specialist surgery, services provided at NI Cancer Centre, some medical specialities, laboratories and pharmacy. The Regional Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centre falls within my Directorate and as such, I was nominated by my Chief Executive, Mr Martin Dillon to undertake a coordinating role in support of the Infected Blood Inquiry on behalf of BHSCT.

#### Response to criticism of Patricia Kelly regarding Seamus Conway

- 3. Mr. Conway was known to the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, having attended several specialities therein.
- 4. Mr Conway last attended an appointment with the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust on 20 February 2018 at the Liver Clinic in the Royal Victoria Hospital. It is my understanding that Mr Conway was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital, Western Health and Social Care Trust, on 26 April 2018 where he remained until his discharge on 11 May 2018.

- 5. During this admission, the Regional Haemophilia Centre in the Belfast City Hospital made contact with the nursing and the medical team looking after Mr. Conway on four occasions to provide advice and guidance regarding Factor VIII, the care required for a patient with haemophilia and the need for a palliative care referral. The Regional Haemophilia Centre also had direct telephone contact with Mr. Conway's' family on three occasions during his admission. On 11 May 2018, the day of Mr Conway's discharge from Altnagelvin Hospital, Dr Benson and colleagues from the Regional Haemophilia Centre were in the Hospital as part of the outreach service provided by the Haemophilia Centre and met with Mr Conway and his sister Tina. They advised that they could be contacted for support if required. Discharge arrangements for Mr Conway were put in place by the team in Altnagelvin who had cared for Mr Conway during his admission.
- Unfortunately I am unable to comment on what arrangements were put in place for Mr.
  Conway following his discharge from Altnagelvin Hospital on 11 May and before his death on 28 May 2018 as this was arranged by Western Health and Social Care Trust.

#### Other Issues

7. I will continue in my role to liaise with and assist the inquiry in relation to its investigations arising from the Terms of Reference.

# Statement of Truth

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

Signed _		GRO-C	
Dated	16	October 2019	ز