

Witness Name: Dr Michael Willoughby
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 3 July 2019.

I, Dr Michael Willoughby, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. Name: Michael Lawrence Nesbit Willoughby.
Date of Birth: GRO-C 1927.
Address is: GRO-C Australia

My professional qualifications are:

- University of London at St. Mary's: Batchelor of Medicine and Batchelor of Surgery; 16th Nov. 1950
 - University of London: Doctor of Medicine; 20th July 1960
 - University of Cambridge (UK): Batchelor of Arts; 24th June 1953
 - University of Cambridge: Master of Arts; 30th April 1960
 - The College of Pathologists: Member; 17th Nov. 1965
 - The Royal College of Pathologists: Fellow; 15th Feb. 1977
 - Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; (MRCP Glasgow) 13th Oct. 1982
 - Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Fellow; 7th Nov. 1983
 - Australian College of Paediatrics; Member; 1983
2. I was appointed to Yorkhill (The Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children) in late 1963 to establish a diagnostic haematology department. I left my position at Yorkhill Hospital in 1982 and moved to Australia where I began working at Princess Margaret's Children's Hospital in Perth.
 3. I am not a member of any groups or committees relevant to the Inquiry's Term of Reference.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of John McDougall

4. I am asked to comment on Mr McDougall's comments that I knew why the West Glasgow Ambulatory Care Hospital used American blood and/or blood products and that I was responsible for sourcing those products.

I am grateful to the Inquiry for affording me the opportunity of commenting. I have read the statement of Mr McDougall and would like to offer my sincere condolences to his

family. The emergence of HIV and the devastation it caused to our patients, is a tragedy.

I should advise that I have not had access to Euan McDougall's medical records for the purpose of preparing this response. I understand that they have been destroyed. I do not, however, consider that I require access to allow me to respond to the criticisms made.

I wish to assist the Inquiry with their work as much as I am able to do so. I am, however, now 92 years old and am having difficulty in recalling events which took place 36 years ago.

I am unaware of the existence of the West Glasgow Ambulatory Care Hospital I am advised that this is now based at the former Yorkhill Hospital. The Children's Hospital at Yorkhill I understand has now closed and its work has transferred to the Royal Children's Hospital at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow.

For the reasons I have narrated, the best evidence I can offer to the Inquiry as to my choice of blood products is set out in the evidence I gave to the Penrose Inquiry by way of written statement. I have attached copies of my statements for your assistance. The reference numbers for these documents are:

- PEN.019.1265
- PEN.019.1268
- PEN.019.1272

I attach two articles which may be of assistance to the Inquiry Team. Those are Prophylactic Treatment of Factor VIII Deficiency, *Hirschman et al, 1970* and Home Transfusion for Patients with Hemophilia, *Rabiner & Telfer, 1970*.

Section 3: Other Issues

5. I hope these assist in the work of the Infected Blood Inquiry. My objective was always the betterment of the children's lives. The use of home based Factor VIII proved clinically to be very beneficial to the children's life style. It is a matter of huge regret to me the treatment that was meant to benefit them had the consequences it did.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are

true Signed

GRO-C

Dated 22 Dec. 2019

Table of exhibits:

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	Penrose - Statement of Dr Willoughby (PEN.019.1265)	WITN3561002
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	Prophylactic Treatment of Factor VIII Deficiency, <i>Hirschman et al, 1970</i>	WITN3561005
	Home Transfusion for Patients with Hemophilia, <i>Rabiner & Telfer, 1970</i>	WITN3561006