

Witness Name: DR THYNN THYNN YEE
Statement No. WITN3753001
Exhibit No. WITN3753002 - 003
Dated: 10 October 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF
THYNN THYNN YEE**

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 19 September 2019.

Section 1: Introduction

1. I, Dr Thynn Thynn Yee of the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, Pond Street, London, NW3 2QG, will say as follows:
2. I am employed by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) as an Associate Specialist in the Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre (the Centre). I have worked for the Trust as an Associate Specialist since March 2002. Between 2005 and 2007, I was also a Locum Consultant and Clinical Lead within the Centre. Between 1995 and 2002, I was an MRC Research Fellow within the Centre and, between 1992 and 1995 I was a Haematology Registrar.
3. I qualified as a doctor in 1979, gained an MSc in Internal Medicine in 1986, an MRCP (UK) in 1993, and an MD at University College London in 2003. I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2006. I am an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Medical School of University College London.
4. The information provided within this witness statement is based upon facts within my knowledge, save for where I have indicated the

source of my information or belief. Where matters are not directly within my knowledge, I believe them to be true.

Section 2: Response to criticism of witness W1591

5. I have been asked to write this statement to respond to specific matters raised within the witness statement of Mr Mark Ward, dated 23 January 2019. In this statement I respond to two specific questions raised by the Inquiry with regard to points made within in Mr Ward's statement. For the purpose of making this statement, I have reviewed Mr Ward's medical records.

6. I attach to this statement a bundle of supporting documents which are relevant to the comments in Mr Ward's statement dated 23 January 2019. Exhibit numbers referred to in this statement in the form **WITN3753002 - 003** are references to exhibits in that bundle.

7. At paragraph 50 of his statement, Mr Ward states that I was extremely rude to him in relation to the deterioration of his teeth and the rash on his back, which were found to be side effects of his medication. My comments upon this are as follows:
 - a. I do not agree that I was rude to Mr Ward. I cannot imagine any situation in which I would be rude to a patient.
 - b. I recall discussing the deterioration of Mr Ward's teeth with him, and agreeing to make a referral to the Department of Special Needs Dentistry (which I did, as per the attached letter at Exhibit **WITN3753002**).
 - c. During the period of time that I provided care and treatment to Mr Ward, I was aware of the medications he was prescribed. These included antiretrovirals, which may cause rashes. However, having examined my handwritten notes, I could not

find any mention of a skin rash on his back, nor do I have any mental recollection of this discussion.

- d. Likewise, I do not have any recollection of discussing the effects of medication on Mr Ward's teeth. Within my notes, the only documentation I have found is that Mr Ward did not have any teeth and I made the aforementioned referral to Special Needs Dentistry for dentures as a result.
8. At paragraph 51 of his statement, Mr Ward states that I wrote a referral letter which commented on his sexuality and infection without reference to him being a haemophiliac or having been infected through blood products. My comments upon this are as follows:
- a. I have located a letter written by the former **GRO-D** of the Royal Free Hospital, Dr **GRO-D**, dated 12 May 1999 (Exhibit **WITN3753003**). In this letter, Dr **GRO-D** refers Mr Ward for removal of lesions on his neck or face.
 - b. It is correct that this letter refers to Mr Ward's sexuality. In my view I agree that this reference was unnecessary and inappropriate, and should not have been included.
 - c. The letter does refer to the fact that Mr Ward is a haemophiliac. It also references that he is positive for HIV and Hepatitis C, but not that he was infected through blood products.
 - d. I cannot find any letter that I sent on this same subject, nor do I have any memory of writing one.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:

GRO-C

Date:

16/10/19

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
19 April 2004	Letter of Dr TT Yee to Mr Nabil Ishag	WITN3753002
12 May 1999	Letter of Dr GRO-D to Dr Wolfman	WITN3753003