

Witness Name: Dr Jill Moira Hows
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

INTERIM WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR JILL MOIRA HOWS

I provide this **interim statement** in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 23rd September 2019. I cannot provide my **final statement** until I have reviewed the Witnesses medical records. The Witness has consented to me reviewing his records and I am requesting these from the Hammersmith Hospital.

I, Dr Hows, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Professor Jill Moira Hows, and my date of Birth is GRO-C 1948.

My address is:
C/o MDU Services Limited
One Canada Square
London
E14 5GS

2. Professional Qualifications:

MBBS, London	1972
MRCP (UK)	1975
MRCPath	1979
MSc Immunology, London	1983 - pass with Distinction
MD, London	1984
FRCP	1990
FRCPath	1991

3. **Haematology Registrar** Jan 1975 - Jan 1976

Professor PL Mollison

St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W

Responsibility for laboratory haematology, blood and marrow film reporting.
Investigating clinical blood transfusion problems. Inpatient and outpatient care of patients with haematological disorders. All work conducted under Consultant supervision.

4. **Haematology Registrar** Feb 1976 - Jun 1977

Hammersmith Hospital, London W12

Clinical and laboratory haematology training and experience in the care of patients with malignant and non malignant haematological disease including haemophilia.

Emphasis on treatment of leukaemia and bone marrow failure by stem cell transplantation. Work carried out under direction of haematology consultants.

5. **Haematology Senior Registrar** Jun 1977 - Jun 1980
Hammersmith Hospital, London W12
Continuation of work described above with more clinical responsibility and teaching commitments. Presentation of clinical papers at meetings of learned societies e.g. British Society for Haematology.
6. **LRF Research Fellow (Hon. Senior Registrar)** Jan 1980 - Jun 1984
Department of Haematology
Royal Postgraduate Medical School (RPMS)
I set up a research programme investigating the role of cyclosporin A in stem cell transplantation. This included developing a radioimmunoassay for the measurement of cyclosporin in patients blood. The results of this work were widely published as peer reviewed papers in learned journals including the British Journal of Haematology, Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation and the Lancet. My MD thesis on the work was published in 1984. I do not have a written record of my clinical responsibilities during this period but they were minimal. I remember doing some haematology outpatient clinics and attending some ward rounds when my work on Cyclosporin had direct relevance to the patients reviewed.
7. **Senior Lecturer in Immunohaematology** Jun 1984 - Jun 1992
Honorary Consultant in Haematology
Royal Postgraduate Medical School
I was appointed to this post in June 1984, My job included medical supervision of the Blood Transfusion Laboratory, Consultant supervision of the Haematology Registrar responsible for charge of day to day care of the Haemophilia patients, consultant supervision and care of bone marrow transplant recipients, investigation and treatment of patients with bone marrow failure and other non malignant haematological disorders. For the first year of this appointment, between June 1984 and June 1985 I was sent on sabbatical to the Department of Haematology, City of Hope National Medical Centre, Duarte, California to work under the supervision of Professor Larry Petz and Professor George Garraty both experts in blood transfusion and immunohaematology. I was not in charge of the Haemophilia Unit during this time. I returned briefly to the Hammersmith to give a series of lectures on Blood Transfusion Medicine to MSC students in January 1985. I cannot remember if I had any clinical responsibilities during this time. Provision of Haemophilia patient care in my absence was arranged by Professor Luzzato. Without access to the Witness's medical records I cannot comment on the details of this arrangement.
8. **Consultant Haematologist,** Jun 1992 - Oct 1994
Southmead Health Services, Bristol
Consultant responsibilities for patient with malignant and non malignant haematological disorders, consultant supervision of the hospital blood transfusion laboratory. Consultant opinions when requested on hospital patients with haematological abnormalities. I set up a stem cell research laboratory at Southmead and received peer reviewed grant money from the Leukaemia Research Fund and from other institutions to support my research.

9. **Director, Avon Haematology Unit, Feb 1998-June 2003**
United Bristol Hospitals Trust

In 1998 my consultant colleague Dr Roger Evely and I were asked to set up and jointly direct the new Avon Haematology Unit at the Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre within the United Bristol Healthcare Trust. I continued to carry out stem cell research at Southmead Hospital as before.

10. **Director Cord Blood Research Programme, Oct 1994 –June 2003**
University of Bristol, Division of Transplantation Sciences,

In 1994 I was co-applicant with Professor Ben Bradley on a successful Leukaemia Research Fund programme grant. I became the programme director. I continued my clinical work on the Avon Haematology Unit.

11. Membership of relevant committees. I am not sure how to answer this as I have no details of the committees I may have sat on in the 1980s and have asked the MDU and the Infected Blood enquiry for guidance. I do not currently have access to the Witness notes or any relevant departmental documents.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of Witness W0009

12. I am sorry that the witness feels that he did not receive adequate information and that his parents did not understand the information they were given at an outpatient visit in May 1984. I do not remember if I saw the Witness at that time and I cannot comment further without access to the Witness medical records. Please also see section 2 above where I state I was appointed consultant in Immunohaematology in June 1984 and was working at the City of Hope National Medical Centre, Duarte, California between June 1984 and June 1985.

13. The Witness states he should have been told about his HIV status earlier. I understand his concerns about this. I cannot comment further without access to the Witness medical records. Please also see section 2 above where I state I was appointed consultant in Immunohaematology in June 1984 and was working at the City of Hope National Medical Centre, Duarte, California between June 1984 and June 1985.

Section 3: Other Issues

14. I have nothing further to add.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Dated

16/10/2019