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Exhibits: None.

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NALINI NAIK

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 27 September 2019.

I, Nalini Naik, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Nalini Naik. My date of birth is GRO-C 1942. My professional degree is MB ChB.
2. I was employed as a Consultant Hematologist at West Kent Hospital in Maidstone for a brief period from 1976-1978, when I emigrated. My duties included Clinical, as well as diagnostic tests and treatment.
3. I was a member of the General Medical Council.

Section 2: Responses to criticism of W0653

4. My diagnosis was based on Clinical History/Exam/Blood tests at West Kent OHC. As per OHC as per you (I don't have my own records) VIII related ag was 8% and VIII coagulant was 26%. I don't recall 40 years later who I spoke with at OHC, but putting all information available at the time together was advised by OHC to treat with all three available products.

5. It is news to me that OHC decided the tests were not reliable because it was done on frozen plasma. If they wanted they could have advised me differently. If this information is correct I blame OHC for non-communication. If they had done so, diagnosis could have been clinched. They were super specialist in field of coagulation. Did any other professional, e.g. GP, contact OHC for better understanding and if they did so during my tenure why did they not communicate with me? Their failure to do so puts them in guilty column .
6. Witness claims I wanted to do research. What research? I have never published any papers and it is complete nonsense. I did not advise GP to Rx with FFP/Cryo/Concentrate. It was my job to Rx not the GP's. If he advised or treated with those products he exceeded his boundaries.
7. I did not provide explanation? To whom? Who asked for it? Blood tests were done at West Kent Hospital and OHC based on clinicals and tests it was reasonable to diagnose and Rx as clotting disorder. If any clinician disagreed why didn't they come forward and call me with their brilliant idea? It is wise to quarterback on Monday after the event.
8. Witness claims I knew the products could transmit HCV. **He himself contradicts when he states that it was not known prior to 1987 that all those products could transmit HCV.** No doctor would ever harm patient knowingly. Doctors don't have crystal ball to predict medical advancement in diagnosis or treatment! World would be heaven where no disease existed and if patient had it would be treated with IRx available in 2050 for disease in 1980!
9. OHC told me Mr Maclean had clotting disorder based on clinicals and lab tests. More emphasis is always clinical history and exam. No doctor ever treats a patient based on lab results only. Lab tests are complimentary diagnostic aid.
10. I exited the scene in 1978. Why did they continue to administer Cryo/FFP on several occasions when Mr Maclean fell, bled, surgeries, consultation with other specialist at Preston Hospital Guy's. Why these specialists with GP not stop these infusions? HCV could have been in any of these infusions!
11. Batch number were not available? Why not? Mr Maclean should redirect his anger to the available tests **after 1987 for HCV** on all infusions he received .Were they done??

12. I was not reckless Rx was given as per OHC consultation.
13. 40 years ago when I was a consultant, many information was simply not available! I wish all mighty Lord could have granted me a magic wand and crystal ball to see the future.
14. I have not treated Mr Maclean wrongly. I did the right thing as advised by OHC.
15. After 40 years I have no knowledge of medical records. Frankly I don't have the appetite to review any records. I am retired, getting old. Perhaps I can blame my GP for not preserving my youth!

Section 3: Other Issues

16. This case is 40 years old with my contribution of 2 years 1977-1978. My treatment was based on clinicals/lab tests/OHC advice. **OHC never told me the results they provided were not reliable. I do not accept any wrongdoing.** There is plenty of blame (if there is) to go round from 1978 to present. Rx continued for 38 years plus with Cryo/FFP/Concentrate with various GPs/OHC/Specialists, Williams.
17. Can Mr Maclean identify which Cryo/FFP/Concentrate infected him prior to 1987 (presumably products were safer thereafter) I am not so sure. Mr Maclean had multiple surgeries, many contacts professional as well as non-professional between 1971-2019. I don't even know when his HCV virus test became positive? Every product/person he came in contact with should be tested for HCV.

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In spite of knowing no clotting disorder. Why did he continue with Cryo for 3 days on 2 September 1978 when Maclean fell and bled 4 September 1978 was referred to Preston Hospital 4 October 1978 more Cryo was given. Remember this was before 1987! Any of this infusion could have given him HCV.

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19. 1980-1985 Dr Williams, Haematologist at West Kent, referred to Dr Graham Guy's Hospital. Yet another diagnosis OSGOOD-SCHLATTER, MARFANS & EDS **September 1985. Dr Williams referred Maclean to St Thomas and resurrected diagnosis of von Willebrand's (8 years after I exited the scene) fact of the matter is after 40 years and several teaching hospital consultants (world's best) several surgeries administration of Cryo/FFP/Concentrate continued. Doctors are not certain and keep on the same treatment given 40 years ago! Mr Maclean wake up and accept the inevitable. Doctors are scientists not all-mighty Gods.**
20. 1992 surgery for cancer! Bled, Mr Maclean blames the surgeon for not tying the blood vessel, received FFP again why? Vessel was tied. Why does he need FFP? He does not have clotting deficiency, right?
21. Now talking about new variant CJD. No batch number even after 1992?
22. Even in perfect world medical advancement and research cannot be predicted 4 decades ago we had not heard of Ebola, Chikungunya, Dengue, **40 years ago people died because DOCTORS simply didn't know, how to treat.**
23. Why doctors don't want to do biopsy if Mr Maclean does not have clotting disorder? Doctors avoid him not because he is dirty, but he is rude, demanding and exhibiting unacceptable behaviour. **Doctors who dare to speak truth have witnessed his outbursts one doctor kicked him out of his facility! Doctors have many patients to take care of Mr Maclean is a grown adult and needs to have anger management.**

Statement of Truth

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

Signed _____

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Dated _____

Oct 2nd 2019