

Witness Name: Anne Kilgallen

Statement No.: WITN3867001

Exhibits: WITN3867002

Dated: 12-11-19

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ANNE KILGALLEN**

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 15 October 2019.

I, Anne Kilgallen, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

1. My name is Dr Anne Mary Kilgallen and my professional address is Western Health & Social Care Trust, Trust Headquarters, MDEC Building, Altnagelvin Hospital, Glenshane Road, Londonderry, BT47 6SB.

My date of Birth is GRO-C 1960.

I am a medical doctor with specialist qualifications in public health medicine and my qualifications are MB BCh BAO MPH FFPH.

2. I took up post as Chief Executive of the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 1 August 2017 and this is my current role. As Chief Executive, I am the most senior executive member of the Trust Board. As the Accountable Officer for the Trust, I am accountable to the Trust Board, DoH and HSCB and ultimately the Minister of Health for Northern Ireland, for the performance and governance of the Trust in the delivery of high quality care, responsive to the needs of the population in line with performance targets established.

I have overall responsibility for the management and performance of the Trust, including meeting Ministerial priorities as defined by DoH and HSCB, statutory requirements, achieving performance targets, securing continuous improvement and for providing high quality and effective services within a clear financial framework.

I lead reform within the Trust ensuring that appropriate and robust systems are in place and necessary changes are achieved.

3. To my knowledge, I have never participated in any committees or groups which would fall within the terms of reference of the Inquiry.

## **Section 2: Responses to comments of witness W3322**

4. In response to the comments of witness W3322 at paragraph 26 I can confirm that in accordance with the HSCB Procedure for the 'Reporting and Follow up of Serious Adverse Incidents' (SAI) the Trust received an Interface Incident Notification Form' from the Belfast Trust in July 2019.

The Medical Director is the Executive Director with responsibility for ensuring effective systems of clinical risk management and adverse event reporting are in place demonstrating trend analysis and processes to share learning. I have asked the Medical Director to advise me in relation to the issues raised by the Interface Notification Form.

I understand the Altnagelvin Hospital Records confirm that a CT scan was performed on 3 June 2015 at the request of the Surgical Team, a 3cm liver lesion was noted, there was an area of low attenuation measuring around 3.2cm which was nonspecific. There was a follow-up ultrasound with contrast on 22 June 2015 which showed 3.3cm lesion, suggestive of a benign lesion, possibly an atypical haemangioma. There is no evidence that the scan results were forwarded directly to Mr Cadden at the Belfast Trust. I accept that the failure to act on the scan results may have had a detrimental effect on the care of the father of Witness W2880.

An SAI review is being undertaken to identify systems learning which could prevent a similar situation occurring. The Trust will engage with the family in accordance with SAI procedures and a final report will be shared with the family, HSCB and the Inquiry. The SAI will be due for completion no later than 31 December 2019.

5. To assist in making this statement I have relied on reference to the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust Interface Form, a timeline prepared by the Western Trust (exhibit 1) from the Altnagelvin Hospital patient notes, statements of witnesses W3322 and W2880.

### **Section 3: Other Issues**

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

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Dated 12 / 11 / 19

#### **Table of exhibits:**

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