

Witness Name: Anne Kilgallen

Statement No.: WITN3867003

Exhibits: WITN3867004 -

WITN3867013

Dated: 9 March 2020

## **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 21 January 2020.

I, Dr 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 of the Trust I am accountable to the Trust Board, Department of Health (DOH) and Health and Social Care Board (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.

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: Response to Criticism of Patricia Kelly**

3. Mr Conway was discharged from Ward 1 Altnagelvin Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is documented in the discharge letter to Dr Leeson GP Foyleside Family Practice that Mr Conway was medically fit for home discharge, see attached Medical Clinical Notes dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (WITN3867004) and Hospital Discharge letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (WITN3867005). He was discharged to his sister's house. At the time of discharge he did not want social care input or packages of care see attached discharge letter (WITN3867005), Person-Centred Nursing Assessment and Plan of Care Booklet page 33 record of 11/5/18 @14.00 (WITN3867006), and Hospital Social Worker note dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, (WITN3867007). He was given 24 hour helpline information. There was a plan to review him at Dr Stewart's (Consultant Oncologist) outpatient Clinic a week later (WITN3867005).

When patients are medically fit for discharge from hospital, (see WITN3867005), they are returned to the care of their GP who provides ongoing General Medical Services and has responsibility for the patient's clinical needs. On 11th May 2018 a referral was made to the District Nursing Team for a home assessment for palliative needs see attached District Nursing Referral dated 11/05/2018 (WITN3867008). In support of the Primary Care Team, the Palliative Care Team visited Mr Conway on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, see attached District Nursing Evaluation records dated 17/5/18 (WITN3867009). In the days following there was also ongoing input from the GP, District Nursing Staff, Rapid Response Team, Palliative Care Team, Foyle Hospice,

Marie Curie and GP Out of Hours see attached District Nursing Evaluation Record dated 22/5/18 to 28/5/15, WITN3867010), District Nursing Referrals dated 16/05/2018 and 18/05/2018 requesting blood tests (WITN3867011), and Rapid Response Nursing Referral dated 26/05/2018 for syringe driver reload, (WITN3867012).

There is evidence within the records that staff encouraged Mr Conway to avail of prescribed medication to manage his symptoms. As the severity of his pain increased, Mr Conway's analgesia regime was regularly reviewed and strengthened to try to address his needs, (WITN3867010, WITN3867011, WITN3867012).

I am sincerely sorry to read that Mr Conway suffered in the days leading up to his death and for the distress this caused to him and to his family.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 Mr Conway's Sister telephoned the hospital to advise that Mr Conway was too unwell to attend the Clinic and he was rebooked for 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Sadly, Mr Conway passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018, see attached screenshot from the Radiotherapy 'Aria System' (WITN3867013).

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

4. I will continue in my role to liaise with 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Table of exhibits:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes/ Description</b>	<b>Exhibit number</b>
<u>11 May 2018</u>	<u>Altnagelvin Hospital Medical Clinical Notes</u>	<u>WITN3867004</u>
<u>11 May 2018</u>	<u>Hospital Discharge Letter</u>	<u>WITN3867005</u>
<u>11 May 2018</u>	<u>Person-Centred Nursing Assessment and Plan of Care Booklet</u>	<u>WITN3867006</u>
<u>11 May 2018</u>	<u>Hospital Social Worker Note</u>	<u>WITN3867007</u>
<u>11 May 2018</u>	<u>District Nursing Referral</u>	<u>WITN3867008</u>
<u>17 May 2018</u>	<u>District Nursing Evaluation Records</u>	<u>WITN3867009</u>
<u>22 - 28 May 2018</u>	<u>District Nursing Evaluation Record</u>	<u>WITN3867010</u>
<u>16 May &amp; 18 May 2018</u>	<u>District Nursing Referrals</u>	<u>WITN3867011</u>
<u>26 May 2018</u>	<u>Rapid Response Nursing Referral</u>	<u>WITN3867012</u>
<u>28 May 2018</u>	<u>Radiotherapy 'Aria System' Screenshot</u>	<u>WITN3867013</u>