

Witness Name: BELINDA REGAN

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## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BELINDA REGAN ON BEHALF OF LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH NHS TRUST**

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I, Belinda Regan, will say as follows: -

I am the Deputy Director of Governance and Patient Experience, I have been in this role since 2015 but have within the Trust for seven years.

#### **Section 1. Searches, including search terms used**

1. Terms used in the search undertaken to comply with the Rule 9 request:

- (i) Infected Blood Products
- (ii) Contaminated Blood Products
- (iii) Exposure to Infected Blood Products
- (iv) Risks associated with Infected Blood Products
- (v) Hepatitis B
- (vi) Blood Transfusion
- (vii) Screening of Blood products and or components
- (viii) Factor XI Concentrate
- (ix) Plasma products
- (x) Transfusion-Transmitted Hepatitis C
- (xi) Counselling for patients Blood Transfusion
- (xii) Counselling for patients Hepatitis B & C
- (xiii) Patient Information leaflet Transfusion

- (xiv) Patient Information Interferon
- (xv) Recipients of Blood or blood components
- (xvi) Treatment of Hepatitis patients
- (xvii) Dosing records
- (xviii) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- (xix) Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in patients with bleeding disorder
- (xx) Treatment with Interferon
- (xxi) Heat Treatment
- (xxii) Transfusion lookback
- (xxiii) HCV lookback
- (xxiv) South Thames Blood Transfusion Service guidance
- (xxv) Health Protection Agency guidance
- (xxvi) Department of Health guidance of Transfusion of contaminated Blood products or components
- (xxvii) Haemophilia Society patient information
- (xxviii) Haemophilia Centre Bulletins
- (xxix) Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre

**Section 2. The Trust's information repositories (from 1950 to present day) such as local authorities, University archives and The National Archives**

2. I can confirm that the Trust does not have control, responsibility for, or oversight of information repositories held at local authorities, University or National Archives from 1950 to present day.

**Section 3. Repositories and archives searched**

3. The Trust undertook the searches across the following repositories within the organisation:
  - (i) All electronic shared drive folders within the haemophilia centre and Department of Genito-Urinary medicine

- (ii) All electronic shared folder within the legal department (related to cases/claims made or on-going and/or solicitor requests)
- (iii) The Trust Medical Records departments (where Subject Access Request, Solicitors requests for copies of medical records are logged)
- (iv) Medical Records Archive areas (where indefinite detention records identified and stored - any potential Infected Blood Inquiry has 'Blood Transfusion' sticker placed onto Medical Records so that it can be stored for indefinite period)
- (v) Medical Record Archive Libraries (5 separate Libraries listed below);
  - (i) University Hospital Lewisham main
  - (ii) University Hospital Lewisham subsidiary library
  - (iii) Queen Elizabeth Hospital main library
  - (iv) University Hospital Lewisham offsite Bellingham library
  - (v) Queen Elizabeth Hospital offsite Thistlebrook library
- (vi) The Trust Information Governance Department where all Freedom of Information Requests are logged
- (vii) Consultant Offices of the Haemophilia Centre
- (viii) Trust Complaints System
- (ix) Trust Incident System
- (x) Haemophilia hard copies of written records
- (xi) Haemophilia Centre treatment cards

#### **Methodology for searches:**

4. The methodology for the searches were based on the following:
  - Selection of terms developed for use in search, listed above in section 1
  - Scope of all possible departments where information could be held was drawn up and the sharing of terms with all departments and key staff within departments for use within search (departments as listed in section 3) took place

5. All departments were then asked to search their repositories for information which involved electronic searching of shared folders using the terms outlined and hard copy physical searching through papers records, files held within offices.

**Section 4. This section should only be used if documents have been destroyed. Please explain briefly and exhibit copies of the relevant document destruction record or policy to the statement.**

6. The records that were requested in the Rule 9 request dated August 2018 excluded individual patient medical records.
7. The Trust has reviewed whether any other information and/or documents held by the Trust which were potentially relevant have been destroyed.
8. The Trust believes that information which is potentially relevant has been provided (as per the request) as some of the information dated back to the early nineties. For the purpose of clarification, the Trust can confirm it provided the information it held earlier than 1990 within its response with the submission of two documents dated 1983.

**Statement of Truth**

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

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Signed

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020