

Witness Name: Mr Simon Dean
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Statement No: [WITN4191001]

Exhibits: [WITN4191002]
[WITN4191003]
[WITN4191003a]
[WITN4191004]
[WITN4191005]
[WITN4191006]

Dated: 6th March 2020

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY LOCAL HEALTH BOARD

I, Simon Dean, will say as follows:-

1. Of the searches undertaken to comply with your Rule 9 request dated 15 August 2018, please find provided evidence of searches we have made and the terms used:
 - i. Please refer to exhibit WITN4191002.
 - ii. Extensive searches were also carried out of all corporate archives within the Health Board, held both manually and electronically using the search terms: haemophilia; haemophilia; haemophiliac; blood; blood products; HIV; AIDS; hepatitis; hepatitis c; variant CJD and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.
2. Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) came into existence in 2009 and although it holds legacy data from the previous NHS organisations that merged into BCUHB, it does not hold data going back to the 1950s. Please refer to WITN4191002 which provides the history and context of the major structural changes to the NHS in Wales since the 1960s.

The Health Board uses places of deposit for documents required to be held for permanent preservation or that may be of public interest. Any documents that fall

into this category that relate to the Alaw Centre would have been sent to the Gwynedd Public Archive Office who are our agreed place of deposit for this area.

3. With reference to question 2, the Gwynedd Public Archive Office approached the Health Board in April 2019 to advise that the Infected Blood Inquiry had approached them to visit their offices at the end of May to view the records they held there. They provided a catalogue of the information they held of our archived information and we advised that they should proceed to provide access to this information to the Inquiry under the Section 21 notice.
4. Please refer to section j) of WITN4191002 and WITN4191003– Corporate Records Retention and Disposal Schedule; WITN4191003a – Corporate Records Management Procedure; WITN4191004– Patient Records Retention and Disposal Schedule. These documents were in place at the inception of the Health Board in 2009 and have been reviewed and updated since that time referring to the WITN4191005 – For the Record from 2000 being replaced by WITN4191006– Information Governance Alliance (IGA) Records Management Code of Practice in 2016.

Any records that have been requested under Rule 9 and were found to be destroyed, were destroyed in line with our retention and destruction schedule that was in place at the time of their destruction.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:

GRO-C

Date: 26/05/2020