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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ANDREW HINES

I, Andrew Hines, will say as follows: -

1. Of the searches undertaken to comply with the Rule 9 request, dated 15

August 2018:

The search across our Corporate Records was carried out by the previous Corporate Records Manager who is no longer employed by the Trust. However, the only method of searching the Record Centre database for the records of a specific department/service is to search the location register and to place a filter on the 'Originating Office' column. This would have been carried out during a search for Haemophilia related records. A filter would have been added so that only the records from 'Haemophilia', 'Haemophilia Centre' and 'Haemophilia Team Office' were listed. This resulted in the list of 78 boxes of records sent to the Inquiry, and that were inspected by a team of paralegals on 28th May 2019. A further search was conducted using the word 'blood' that did not identify further records.

The Barts Health Archives and Museum have never taken in departmental records of the Royal London Hospital Haemophilia Centre (formerly the London Hospital Haemophilia Centre). However, some records which potentially fall under the scope of the public inquiry records request may be amongst the other archive holdings of the hospital and the healthcare authorities that were precursors of Barts Health NHS Trust. The archive catalogues and accession records for the archives of the following bodies were reviewed for potentially relevant material and the findings were provided to the Inquiry. They were all searched and browsed consistently using the same method and search terms. All records identified as potentially relevant (i.e. with a description including one of the search terms and dates from within

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5 years of the inquiry period) were physically retrieved and reviewed by archives staff.

In addition to browsing for material in scope, the following search terms were used:

Factor
Blood
Haem*
Clot*
Platelet*
Transfus*

The (Royal) London Hospital – Collection reference RLHLH

Includes records of the hospital administration, and its constituent departments where applicable. Following the National Health Service Reorganisation Act, 1973, administrative records concerning the hospital are mainly those of the governing health authorities/trusts.

The Royal London Hospital Medical College – Collection reference RLHMC

Includes some records relating to medical research and development projects

Records of The London Hospital Pathological Institute – Collection reference RLHPI

The Pathological Department at the London Hospital (from 1990, The Royal London Hospital Pathological Institute) conducted pathological, histological, and cytological testing for the (Royal) London Hospital (as well as other hospitals in the grouping in the 1960s and 1970s).

City and East London Area Health Authority (Teaching) – Collection reference RLHCA

The Authority was established in April 1974 as one of 6 Area Health Authorities in the North East Thames Region. The Area encompassed the Districts of City and Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets. It was abolished at the end of March 1982 by the Secretary of State and replaced by the Tower Hamlets Health Authority.

Tower Hamlets Health Authority - Collection reference RLHTH

Established 1981, prior to the 1982 abolition of the City and East London Area Health Authority (Teaching). On the reorganisation of the National Health Service in April 1991, the District became the purchasing authority for health services for the population of Tower Hamlets with provider services contracted principally with The Royal London Hospital and its Associated Community Services N.H.S. Trust. In March 1993 Tower Hamlets District Health Authority merged with the City and Hackney District Health Authority and the Newham District Health Authority to form the East London and the City Health Authority.

The Royal London Hospital and Associated Community Services NHS Trust – Collection reference RLHLT

The Royal London Hospital and Associated Community Services formed one of the first NHS Trusts. The RLH Trust was the provider for Tower Hamlets District Health Authority, (later East London and The City District Health Authority from 1993), which purchased services to be carried out in NHS organisations such as hospitals and mental health services. The Royal London Hospital along with St Clement's and Mile End Hospitals formed the Trust as well as other community health services. The Trust was replaced by the Royal Hospitals NHS Trust which incorporated St Bartholomew's Hospital and The London Chest Hospital from 1994.

This is an exhaustive list of all the collections held at Barts Health NHS Trust Archives which may contain material falling within the Inquiry's request. No other collections are held by Barts Health NHS Trust Archives which may contain potentially relevant material. There may be records in other archive repositories such as London Metropolitan Archives, that would need to be separately contacted by the Inquiry.

2. That the following is a list of all the Barts Health NHS Trust information repositories (from 1950 to present day) such as local authorities, University archives and The National Archives, for which the Trust had or has any control, responsibility, or oversight.

The key information repositories within the Trust are:

- the Corporate Records Centre
- Barts Health Archives and Museums
- Health Records

Barts Health Archives and Museums is an accredited Place of Deposit. Therefore records identified for permanent retention are retained by Barts Health. Records are not transferred to external repositories such as those listed in the question.

3. That the following is a list of the repositories and archives searched in response to the Rule 9(2) request, dated 15 August 2018.

The Corporate Records Centre and Barts Health Archives and Museums.

The Health Records were not searched. There are in excess of 2 million boxes of Health Records and they are not catalogued in a way that would allow for searching of specific terms such as would be relevant to the Inquiry. They are catalogued by patient identifiers so could only be recalled if a patient was identified as in scope. In addition, haemophilia records are held by the Haemophilia Centre (and transferred to the Corporate Records team once they are no longer current) rather than within the core Health Record of a patient.

4. That no records requested in the Rule 9 request dated 15 August 2018 have since been destroyed.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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