

Witness Name: Mel Pickup
Statement No.: WITN4432001
Exhibits: WITN4432002
WITN4432003
WITN4432004
WITN4432005
WITN4432006
Dated: 17 August 2020

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

**FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF Mel Pickup,
Chief Executive, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

I, Mel Pickup, will say as follows: -

Section 1. Searches, including search terms used

1.1 I have described our search scoping exercise, search terms applied, and the searches conducted through our information repositories to respond to this requirement.

1.2 Our search scoping exercise can be found in Exhibit WITN4432002.

1.3 The search terms applied were:

Haemophilia
Bleeding disorders
Infected blood
HIV (as a result of infected blood or blood products)
HCV (as a result of infected blood or blood products)
HBV (as a result of infected blood or blood products)
vCJD (as a result of infected blood or blood products)

HIV Haemophilia Litigation

1.4 I have provided the details of our archived paper record collection searches using the above search terms in Exhibit WITN4432003.

1.5 I have provided the details of our electronic system searches in Exhibit WITN4432004.

1.6 I have provided details of our searches through electronically archived Board and Board Committees from the year 2000 onwards in Exhibit WITN4432005.

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

2.1 I can confirm that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Information Repositories are limited to those held by the Trust, either in paper or electronic format, it does not have any information repositories held externally for which it has responsibility.

Section 3. Repositories and archives searched

3.1 I can confirm that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Information Repositories searched were those held by the Trust, either in paper or electronic format. The details of the information repositories searched are identified in the response to section (1), and detailed within Exhibits WITN4432003, WITN4432004 and WITN4432005.

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.

4.1 I can confirm that Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has a policy for the destruction of corporate and clinical records. This is provided

as evidence (WITN4432006). Our guidance on destruction of records is taken from the national guidance (2016) and covered in the 'Health Records Policy'.

The Health Records Policy states:

For the complete Retention and Destruction schedule please refer to the Records Management Code of Practice for Health & Social Care (2016).

<https://digital.nhs.uk/codes-of-practice-handling-information>

As per this policy corporate records relating to the content of this Inquiry will have been destroyed prior to the request made of the Trust on 16th August 2018.

Statement of Truth

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

GRO-C

Signed

Dated 20 August 2020

