

Witness Name: Darren Jose

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Exhibits: Nil

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DARREN JOSE ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH AND CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

I, Darren Jose, Director of Operations of The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, will say as follows: -

Section 1. Searches, including search terms used

1. The Trust has searched for any relevant documents in patient files and Haematology Department records.
2. Historically within the Trust haematology notes were identified and annotated on the file cover to identify all patients within the speciality. To comply with the Rule 9 information request of 15 August 2018 searches were therefore undertaken using the Specialty Code for Haematology, rather than those coded as transfusion.
3. This decision was taken to ensure a robust search was completed. Following this each haematology patient file was then physically checked for diagnosis and for a pathology blood transfusion result.
4. RBCH Trust commenced a digitisation programme in November 2014 and to date 3 million images have been scanned. There are an outstanding number of files (approximately 98,000 records) remaining in the **active**

library which continue to be assessed and scanned.

5. All notes including Haematology notes are scanned into the Trust digital electronic patient record (Evolve).
6. To search the Evolve system for any information including that of haematology patients, individual patient details are required to be able to interrogate the clinical record. Therefore general “search terms” cannot be used.
7. In 2018 the Trust commenced retrieval, assessment and scanning of all haematology case notes remaining within the main health records library in order to be compliant with the Rule 9 request.
8. There were no other search terms used.

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

9. Deep storage libraries continue to be searched. The work is on-going due to the volume of notes contained within the areas.
10. The Trust is not aware of any other repositories either prior to the rule or after the rule

Section 3. Repositories and archives searched

11. The Trust only has the main repository, the Evolve database.
12. The search in deep storage libraries is on-going and is in response to the Rule 9(2) Request dated 15 August 2018.
 - a) This process involves a review of the clinical information and investigation sections of the patient record.
 - b) The completion date of this work is difficult to confirm as there are many thousands of records covering many years and it is dependent upon the amount of resource available to complete this work.
13. The Trust maintained a manual ledger of transfusions including Factor elements dating back to the 1982 including Factor VIII or IX issued to

patients These records are stored in the Pathology Department and include patient specific details with date, product and with dose issued.

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

14. No documents relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference have been destroyed.

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed _____

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