Witness Name: Mr Gavin Boyle

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#### **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

# SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MR GAVIN BOYLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY AND BURTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

I, Mr Gavin Boyle am writing the statement on behalf of University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust in response to the Rule 9 request dated 17 February 2020. I can confirm that whilst I was not personally involved in the search for documents relevant to the Inquiry, these searches were carried out by other appropriate staff members and therefore I, Mr Gavin Boyle will say as follows: -

## Section 1. Searches, including search terms used

- 1. Haemophilia
- 2. Blood Disorders
- 3. Clotting Factor
- 4. Transfusion
- 5. Crossmatch

The above search terms were used for searches undertaken in the records held within the repositories at:

- 1. Royal Derby Hospital
- 2. London Road Community Hospital, Derby
- 3. Derwent Shared Services, Derby (off-site storage facility)

- 4. Queens Hospital Burton
- 5. Samuel Johnson (Lichfield) Community Hospital
- 6. Sir Robert Peel (Tamworth) Community Hospital
- 7. Webbes Self- storage, Burton (off-site storage facility)

I can confirm that no off site repositories were searched as all of the material relevant to the Inquiry was retained onsite within the Consultant Haematologists office.

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

- 1. Royal Derby Hospital
- 2. London Road Community Hospital, Derby
- 3. Derwent Shared Services, Derby (off-site storage facility)
- 4. Queens Hospital Burton
- 5. Samuel Johnson (Lichfield) Community Hospital
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#### Section 3. Repositories and archives searched

I can confirm that the National Archive at Matlock was not searched as the Trust did not send any information that would be relevant to the Inquiry to the Archive. The register of documents at the National Archive at Matlock shows birth registers, death registers, corporate records – board papers, inspections, plans etc.

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge, there is no separate haemophilia data stored within offsite repositories.

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.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all documents that were in existence in April 2019 (when the Inquiry contacted the Trust) and were relevant to the Inquiry, have now been disclosed following the searches outlined above.

Furthermore, in response to a letter received from the Inquiry dated April 2019, the Trust adapted its "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Health Records Department Appraisal, Preservation and Destruction of Health Records" in July 2019 to include criteria relevant to the Inquiry to ensure that medical records were retained. This SOP is now used in the Health Records Department to determine if any records should be retained as they may be relevant to the Inquiry. The criteria is set out in the attached SOP but include:

- Any documentation produced between 1975 and 1989. For Derby casenotes the paperwork is in most cases is square shaped and not A4.
- The following wording (or anything similar) needs to be looked for:
  - Transfusion
  - Bleeding
  - Crossmatch
- The investigations clip needs to be checked for the same period for any blood reports which record blood groups (for Derby casenotes these are the red slips). Reports which record results only can be ignored.
- If any casenotes contain any of the above information they are to be returned to Health Records at Derby for Heather Clarke (or one of her team) to view.

## **Statement of Truth**

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



