

Witness Name: LIZ DAVENPORT

Statement No.: WITN4515003

Exhibits: N/A

Dated: 24 August 2023

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF LIZ DAVENPORT**

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I provide this statement on behalf of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust in response to the notification under Rule 13 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 27 May 2021 and the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 24 June 2021.

I, Liz Davenport, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust. I am over 18 years old and my professional address is Torbay Hospital, Lawes Bridge, Torquay, TQ2 7AA. I have held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust since October 2018. I qualified as an Occupational Therapist in 1986 and have worked for the NHS throughout my career.

#### **Section 2: Response to Criticism of W0458**

2. In terms of the criticisms made by Inquiry Witness W0458 the Trust has undertaken a review of the records we hold for this person. Unfortunately, we have not been able to correlate the experience the witness has suggested with anything within the notes we hold. No dates were provided by the witness in relation to when they allege they received the substandard level of care.
3. In reference to Inquiry Witness W0458's concerns raised under Section 6, paragraph 76, We would like to apologise that Inquiry Witness W0458 felt their first experience

with Torbay and South Devon NHS foundation Trust was not a positive one and caused them some distress.

4. There are no specific dates referenced in their areas of concern, having reviewed witness W0458's Emergency Department attendances, I note there is an attendance which references a leg injury sustained whilst on holiday. On review of the records regarding this episode Inquiry Witness W0458 was not admitted as an in-patient on this occasion and I have been assured that appropriate treatment and safety netting advice was given.
5. In relation to the criticism at Paragraph 78 of witness W0458's statement the named nurse spoken to and whilst she cannot remember this incident I can confirm the nurse in question is not able to prescribe anti-depressants.

### **Section 3: Other Issues**

6. Whilst I do not recognise the lack of care which has been suggested I would like to apologise to Inquiry Witness W0458 in relation to the experiences they have detailed. Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust always aim to treat patients and visitors with the utmost respect and provide the highest levels of care. If, as suggested, the Trust fell below this standard then I wholeheartedly apologise for any suffering or embarrassment which was caused.
7. I hope that witness W0458 has subsequently found the care provided by Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust is of the standard we pride ourselves on and which they would expect.

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

24<sup>th</sup> August 2023