

Witness Name: Andrew Asquith

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Exhibits: WITN4684002

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## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF Andrew Asquith [on behalf of University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)]**

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I, Andrew Asquith (Director of Planning, Performance and Productivity), will say as follows: -

#### **Background**

1. UHS has provided care via the Southampton Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centre for Haemophilia since 2013.
2. Between 1999 and 2013 UHS provided care to patients with Haemophilia through shared-care arrangements with a Comprehensive Care Centre managed by another NHS Trust.
3. Prior to 1999 UHS delivered care for patients with Haemophilia by exception, for example for specialist care under the guidance of a Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centre or in circumstances where patients declined to attend elsewhere.

#### **Section 1. Searches, including search terms used**

4. In response to the Rule 9 request dated 15 August 2018, senior clinicians and managers considered the request and determined that

the Trust did not have records of relevance to the inquiry. Those involved included:

- a. Derek Sandeman (Chief Medical Officer)
- b. Greg Chapple (Divisional Director of Operations)
- c. Rashid Kazmi (Consultant Haematologist)

5. Relevant context included:

- a. The timeline of the development of services for patients with Haemophilia in Southampton described as 'Background' above
- b. The records sought in the request excluded Patient Health Records

6. A record of the searches performed was not made and I am therefore unable to confirm further details with regard to this.

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

7. I have been provided with the following list:

- a. NCR Chart Patient Administration System (PAS) – 1980s to 1996 (when selected data was migrated to IBA Unicare PAS).
- b. Casemix – 1992 to present, Inpatient history for non-deceased patients from NCR Chart PAS, plus all inpatient and outpatient activity from August 1992 onwards
- c. Quadramed (Détente Omnisys) radiology – 1996 to 2006. All data was migrated to eQuest Results Server in 2010
- d. HSS CRIS (Radiology Information System)
- e. Ferranti Pathology, plus an assortment of discipline specific systems, that were largely migrated into 'LabCentre' in 1997.
- f. Patient letters in eDocs/Electronic Document Management System.
- g. Email from about 1993/94 ('Pegasus', just within the IT department and then we moved to 'Groupwise' a couple of years later, 'Groupwise' was rolled out corporately, we now have 'Outlook').

- h. Patient Health Records (Paper Notes) stored in on and off-site storage locations with an electronic index / management system
- i. Paper documents held in 'filing' cabinets and files, and in some cases other storage locations, managed by individual clinical departments / management teams
- j. Electronic documents held in folders within UHS electronic servers
- k. Intranet
- l. Website <https://www.uhs.nhs.uk>

### **Section 3. Repositories and archives searched**

- 8. A record of the searches performed was not made and I am therefore unable to confirm further details with regard to this.
- 9. Searches in relation to the Rule 9 request dated 15 August 2018 would not have included Patient Health Records because these were excluded from the scope of the request.
- 10. It is not believed that consideration was given to searches of electronic media (in view of the time period of interest), nor of repositories outside the Haematology department (in view of the low likelihood of such searches yielding additional information).
- 11. The Haematology service at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust does not transfer records to archives held by other organisations e.g. local authorities, university, or national archive, and we do not believe that it has done so in the past.

### **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.**

- 12. Not Applicable

### **Section 5. Further actions**

13. Following receipt of the Rule 9(4)(2)(1) request dated 26 February 2020, UHS has performed checks to be further assured that no potentially relevant documents were missed in our response to the Rule 9 request dated 15 August 2018. Checks were completed in relation to repository 7h above – Paper documents, and the rooms checked were at Southampton General Hospital SO16 6YD which is the location of the Haematology Department and Haemophilia Centre.
14. These checks having been completed, I am informed that no potentially relevant documents were found.
15. Details of the checks performed, and the findings, are provided as “Audit Rule 9 (v2) UHS” [WITN4684002]

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

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Dated 07/10/2020