

Witness Name: George Findlay

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## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR GEORGE FINDLAY**

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I, Dr George Findlay, as Chief Medical Officer of Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, will say as follows: - that the following information has been compiled by the organisation through an investigation undertaken by the Trust pathology services and the Core Clinical Services Division

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

1. The search terms used were as follows:

- Infected blood
- Haemophilia
- Blood transfusion

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

2. The Trust's information repositories are as follows:

- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) Trust data sources
- BSUH patient records held within the National Haemophilia database
- Haemophilia services provided are under shared care arrangements with Trusts who hold their own records

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

3. The repositories and archives searched were as follows:
- BSUH pathology records (transfusion records and standard operating procedures)
  - National Haemophilia patient database
  - National Haemophilia lookback audit of 2011BSUH data
  - Individual patient notes incorporating individual patient consultation and communication as confirmed by Consultants in haemophilia and HIV

### **Section 4. Retention and Destruction of Documents**

4. The Trust 'Medical Records Policy' has an addendum incorporated into the main policy (in 2019) that in line with the infected blood inquiry, no Trust medical records can be destroyed to ensure the retention of potentially relevant documents and information.
5. The Trust pathology service also holds records relating to the detail of specific products issued, when and who to. The retention process for the blood transfusion service records is contained within a standard operating procedure (SOP) and the retention period was set at 30 years in line with the MHRA requirements. This SOP now requires all Blood Transfusion records to be held indefinitely.

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

GRO-C

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