

Witness Name: Professor Crompton

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR GARETH CROMPTON

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 Request of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 November 2022. I submitted a handwritten statement [WITN5279002] dated 21 October 2022 and confirm the version below is correct.

I, Professor Crompton, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. I am 86 years old in GRO-C 2023. My memory is deteriorating.

Section 2: Welsh Office

2. I joined the Welsh Office on 1 January 1978 as Chief Medical Officer paid at the Under Secretary Grade in the Civil Service and leading the Health Professional Division of three in the Health Group in the office.
3. At no time was I involved in the management of the Welsh blood Transfusion Service. None of the staff in my division (about 50) were involved either.
4. My predecessor as CMO was Dr R. T. Bevan. His wife, Dr Beryl Bevan, was the leader of the Blood Transfusion Service in South Wales. I have no

knowledge of arrangements in the North. I never met them professionally or socially.

5. An organisation called Welsh Health Technical Services Organisation (WHTSO) was created. I do not know when nor its full function.
6. When one of the other Under Secretaries retired he was replaced by Mr John Wyn Owen as NHS Director at the Civil Service grade of Deputy Secretary and Chairman of WHTSO. It was clearly apparent that John Wyn Owen was in charge of the Welsh Blood Transfusion Service from the first day in post.
7. By the time I left the Welsh Office in 1989 there had been no persons in Wales diagnosed with infections related to infected blood transfusions.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed _____

Dated 22/06/2023

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21/10/2022	Handwritten statement by Professor Gareth Crompton	WITN5279002