

Witness Name: Prof Peter Stonebridge  
Statement No.: WITN5581004  
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Dated: 14 April 2022

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR PETER STONEBRIDGE**

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I provide this statement on behalf of Tayside Health Board in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20 August 2019.

I, Professor Peter Stonebridge, will say as follows: -

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

**1. Please set out your name, address, date of birth and professional qualifications.**

Name: Professor Peter Stonebridge

Address: c/o NHS Tayside Headquarters, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD1 9SY

Date of birth: GRO-C

Professional qualifications: MBChB

**2. Please set out your current role at the Board and your responsibilities in that role.**

- Medical Director – NHS Tayside
- UK IBI lead: in this role I am the point of contact at the Board for any requests made by the Inquiry Team

**3. Please set out the position of your organisation in relation to the hospital/other institution criticised by the witnesses (for example ‘NHS ABC Health Board (“the Board”) operates from Hospital X and Hospital Y (formerly Hospital Z)’).**

NHS Tayside is responsible for healthcare provision for the population of the Tayside area.

#### **Section 2: Response to Criticism of witness W0181**

- 7. At paragraph 9 of his witness statement, witness W0181 states that in 1981 he was told he had non-A, non-B hepatitis but he did not know what it was. He**

**asserts that the doctor at King's Cross Hospital failed to explain the significance of the infection to him properly. Instead, at paragraph 14 witness W0181 states that he was given information on Hepatitis C by his GP in 2011. Please comment on this.**

In my role as UK IBI lead for the Board I received the aforementioned Rule 9 Request of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019. I identified Professor John Dillon, Professor of Hepatology and Gastroenterology, as the most appropriate person within our organisation to consider and respond to the criticism made. He has now done so and his response is attached.

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

None

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

**GRO-C**

Dated 14 April 2022

### **Table of exhibits:**

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