

Witness Name: Professor Aileen Keel
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Exhibits: N/A
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR AILEEN KEEL

I provide this statement in response to the notification under Rule 13 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 14 September 2021 and the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 27 September 2021.

I, Professor Aileen Keel, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My date of birth is: GRO-C 1952.

My business address is as follows:
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9 Little France Road
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EH16 4UX

I am currently Director of the Innovative Healthcare Delivery Programme at the Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences and Informatics at the University of Edinburgh and also an Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh.

My previous employment history is as follows:

April 2014 to April 2015

Acting Chief Medical Officer
Scottish Government

June 1999 to March 2014	Deputy Chief Medical Officer Scottish Executive Health Department/Scottish Government
December 1998 to June 1999	Principal Medical Officer Scottish Office Department of Health
August 1995 to June 2017	Honorary Consultant Haematologist NHS Lothian
March 1992 to December 1998	Senior Medical Officer Scottish Office Department of Health
June 1989 to February 1992	Private haematology practice in Harley Street and at Cromwell Hospital
August 1988 to February 1992	Honorary Consultant Haematologist Central Middlesex Hospital, London Honorary Research Fellow Middlesex Hospital, London
July 1987 to May 1989	Consultant Haematologist and Director of Pathology Cromwell Hospital, London
September 1986 to June 1987	Various locum posts at consultant and SR level in haematology St Mary's Hospital, London and Central Middlesex Hospital, London
February 1983 to August 1986	Registrar in Haematology Royal Infirmary, Glasgow
July 1981 to January 1983	Leukaemia Research Fund Fellow Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow
August 1979 to June 1981	Lecturer in Medicine University of Aberdeen Honorary Registrar in Haematology Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen
August 1977 to July 1979	SHO, then Registrar, on general medical rotation Southern General Hospital, Glasgow

February 1977 – July 1977

JHO in Surgery
Royal Infirmary, Dumfries and Galloway

August 1976 to January 1977 J

JHO in Medicine
Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow

Section 2: Response to Criticism of witness W2287

2. During the period in question, I was responsible for the provision of professional clinical advice to Scottish Ministers on blood transfusion, bleeding disorders and related matters.

I have no recollection of the event that witness W2287 describes on page 32 of his testimony. During Parliamentary debates it is standard practice for civil servants who are in attendance to pass forward notes to Ministers, to provide supplementary briefing in response to questions raised. These notes are not delivered in person, but by the attendants in the Chamber.

Section 3: Other Issues

3. This statement is my response to the criticisms raised by Witness W2287. In the event that the Inquiry wishes a statement from me in relation to my former roles within the Scottish Office, the Scottish Executive Health Department and/or the Scottish Government, I am, of course, happy to provide that.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated 7th October 2021

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