

Witness Name: Professor Henry Watson

Statement No.: WITN5743001

Exhibits: WITN5743002

Dated: 19 May 2021

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR HENRY WATSON

I provide this statement in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 30 April 2021.

I, Professor Henry Watson, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

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

Name: Henry G Watson

Address: GRO-C

Date of birth: GRO-C 1960

Professional qualifications: MB ChB, MD

A copy of my CV is attached **[Exhibit WITN5743002]**

2. Please set out the positions you have held as a consultant haematologist, the organisations in which you held these positions and your role and responsibilities in these positions.

Consultant Haematologist; NHS Grampian 1996-present

Responsible for management of patients with general haematology and haemostasis and thrombosis conditions – to include bleeding disorders.

3. Please set out your membership, past or present, of any committees or groups relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference which can be found on the Inquiry's website at www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk.

UKCHDO as Centre Director 1996-2020

SHCDO as Centre Director 1996-2020

Section 2: Responses to criticism of W2254

4. At paragraph 15 of WITN2254001, witness W2254 states that when her second son was born in 1996, Dr Poulis visited her in the maternity ward and said 'he is a lovely baby; it is a shame that you will never see him go to school'. The witness states that this was the first time she was made aware of the severity of Hepatitis C and that she was provided with no further information about this. Please note that witness W2254's supplementary statement, WITN2254004, is to be read in conjunction with WITN2254001. At paragraph 1 of WITN2254004, witness W2254 states as follows: "Paragraph 15 of my first statement states that I was visited by Dr Poulis at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital on 3rd April 1996. This is incorrect. The doctor who visited me was Dr Henry Watson." Please comment on this.

I may have visited the patient as part of my clinical role but I have absolutely no doubt that I have never said "he is a lovely baby; it is a shame that you will never see him go to school" to anyone in my life.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 19/5/21

Table of exhibits:

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May 2021	Curriculum Vitae of Professor Henry G Watson	WITN5743002