

Witness Name: Iain Paterson

Statement No.: WITN6911001

Exhibits: WITN6911002-006

Dated: 2nd November 2021

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF IAIN PATERSON

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 01 July 2021.

I, Iain Paterson, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

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Section 2:

I write in response to your request of 1 July 2021 (superseding the Rule 9 requests from 26 October 2020 and 19 September 2019), for provision of a written statement supported by a statement of truth on behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde by a person with appropriate knowledge, experience and seniority to provide evidence of the issues and matters described below. For the Inquiry's convenience I will respond to each question in turn.

1. Of the searches undertaken to comply with our Rule 9 request, dated 15 August 2018, please provide details of the searches undertaken, including a list of search terms used.

I refer the Inquiry to the correspondence between Graeme Forrester, Deputy Head of Board Administration, and Ms GRO-D of 11 February 2020 (WITN6911002), setting out a description of searches undertaken by Dr Campbell Tait, Haemophilia Director, Glasgow Royal Infirmary along with colleagues Nancy Brodie and Dr Catherine Bagot. As explained, hard copy records retained within the Haemophilia Unit at Glasgow Royal Infirmary were manually searched. No search terms were used but electronic copies of meeting minutes held by the current Haemophilia Unit consultants were searched. That search, which took place following receipt of the 15th August 2018 Rule 9 Request, resulted in the documents listed in WITN6911003 being collated and copied. These were forwarded to the office of Jane Grant, Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. No further documents were added and the documents were couriered to the Inquiry. The question specifically asks for a list of "search terms". As explained above, no search terms were used.

For completeness, I can advise that, on receipt of the request of 1st July 2021, a review of the documents referred to in the preceding paragraph was conducted by Dr Rachel Green, Consultant Haematologist and former Chief of Medicine for Diagnostics, on 1 September 2021. The purpose of this review was to identify if any documents had been omitted. No additional documentation was identified in that review.

To the best of the Board's knowledge, all relevant documentation called for in the Rule 9 request of 15th August 2018 has been provided to the Inquiry. We are mindful of the fact that, given the historic nature of the documentation sought and the fact that not all would have been retained electronically, there is the possibility that not every piece of documentation has been captured. The Board undertakes to provide to the Inquiry any relevant piece of documentation were any to be identified at a later date.

2. A list of all the Board's information repositories (from 1950 to the present day) such as local authorities, University archives and The National Archives, for which the Trust had or has any control, responsibility, or oversight.

The Inquiry has been provided with Alistair Tough's, the Board's Archivist, written statement of 13 December 2019 (WITN6911004), which provides an overview of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's archiving systems. In addition, Graeme Forrester has provided information to the Inquiry in relation to the Board's Information Asset Registers. These were introduced following audit recommendations by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in 2017 and assist the Board in demonstrating compliance with the GDPR/Data Protection Act (2018). The Registers are based on the Board's Records Classification Scheme which was developed as part of the Records Management Plan required under the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 and submitted to the Keeper of Records for Scotland in August 2016. At the Inquiry's request, Graeme Forrester identified those Asset Registers which may be relevant to

the Inquiry's Terms of Reference (WITN6911005). These documents, WITN6911004 & WITN6911005, contain a list of the Board's relevant information repositories.

3. With reference to (2), please provide a list of the repositories and archives searched in response to the Rule 9(2) request, dated 15 August 2018.

I refer the Inquiry to the response to Q1 above. As stated in the letter of 11 February 2020 (WITN6911002), the search was of hard copy records "retained within the haemophilia unit at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary" and also of electronic copies of meeting minutes "held by current Haemophilia Unit Consultants"

4. Please provide an explanation as to why the Board is unable to provide material prior to 2006.

We understand that the reference to 2006 refers to the narrative provided by Graeme Forrester and referred to in the email of 17 May 2021 from Tracey Turnbull to **GRO-D** **GRO-D** (WITN6911006). In it, he notes that the records contained within the information assets of potential relevance to the work of the Inquiry range from 2006 to 2020 and represent 'live' files of the haematology, diagnostics, microbiology and pathology services. Prior to the Board-wide records inventory system, records were managed locally by services. Records from prior to 2006, within the Board's Haemophilia Centre, were searched in line with the approach described by Dr Tait (WITN6911002) in compliance with the Rule 9 request of 15 August 2018.

The Inquiry has previously liaised directly with the Board's archive. That contact will have demonstrated what documentation, of a more historical nature, is also held by the Board.

5. If the records that were requested in the Rule 9 request, dated 15 August 2018, have been destroyed in line with Board's document retention

and destruction policies, please provide copies of the relevant document destruction record or policy as exhibits to the written statement.

The Board is unaware of the destruction of any documents called for in the Rule 9 Request of

15th August 2018. A list of the documents provided by Dr Tait in compliance with the Request is attached (WITN6911003).

In line with the correspondence received from Sir Brian Langstaff of 5th July 2018 the Board can advise that no records relevant to the Inquiry have intentionally been destroyed since the instruction was issued. The Board cannot, however, exclude the possibility that prior to receipt of this instruction some documents may have been destroyed in accordance with the Board's retention and destruction policy. For the assistance of the Inquiry, the Board's destruction policies are narrated at the end of Alistair Tough's witness statement (WITN6911004).

Section 3: Other Issues

6. If there are any other issues in relation to which you consider that you have evidence which will be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference, please insert them here.

The Board has no other issues it wishes to raise

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated 2nd November 2021

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
	Letter from Graeme Forrester to [GRO-D] dated 11 th February 2020	WITN6911002
	List of documentation from NHS Greater Glasgow 5 Sept 2018	WITN6911003
	Statement from Alistair Tough dated 13 th December 2019	WITN6911004
	Copy of UKIBI-IAR Request Form; originally attached to email of 17 th May 2021 from Tracey Turnbull to [GRO-D]	WITN6911005
	Email from Tracey Turnbull to [GRO-D] [GRO-D] of 17 th May 2021	WITN6911006