

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies

Statement No.:WITN6932001

Exhibits: WITN6932002

Dated: 26 October 2021

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF TRACEY GILLIES

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Lothian in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20 August 2020.

I, Tracey Gillies, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

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

My name is Tracey Gillies, my date of birth is **GRO-C** 1966, and my professional qualifications are MBChB FRCS. My address is NHS Lothian, Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EG.

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

My current role is as Executive Medical Director with consequent responsibilities and as Responsible Officer for NHS Lothian.

3. Please set out the position of your organisation in relation to the hospital/other institution criticised by the witnesses (for example "NHS Foundation Trust ('the Trust') operates from Hospital X and Hospital Y (formerly Hospital Z)").

NHS Lothian is responsible for healthcare provision for the population of the Lothian area and in 1985 delivered orthopaedic surgery from Princess Margaret Rose Hospital (PMR) until its closure in 2000.

Section 2: Response to Criticism of witness W0676

- 4. At paragraph 13 of his statement, witness W0676 states that Lothian Health Board refuses to accept that he contracted hepatitis C while under the Board's care. He also states that his medical records were destroyed when Princess Margaret Rose Hospital closed in 2000. Please comment on this.**

4.1 W0676 has provided information from SNBTS that he did not receive a blood transfusion at the time of his operation and there is no indication from the discharge summary he has provided that a bone graft was used. Use of a bone graft would not be standard practice for a subtrochanteric femoral osteotomy. I have confirmed this from information from the Clinical Director for Orthopaedics who has asked a retired colleague, who worked with Mr Scott, the surgeon for this patient. Mr Scott's practice was not to use a bone graft in this procedure. We sought the consent of W0676 to make further enquiry of the SNBTS, who are responsible for the Tissue Bank, to complete our investigations. Consent was refused.

4.2 The records at PMR were retained until the site was decommissioned in 2000. The records relating to PMR were retained in line with the extant Retention policy, namely the retention of records for six years, after the last date of attendance, for adult patients and three years, after the date of death, for any deceased patients. All active case notes, i.e. those belonging to patients attending or not yet having reached the minimum retention period, were sent to the Lauriston Buildings Records Library, part of NHS Lothian when the site was decommissioned. If a patient was re-referred within the 6 years, the case notes were pulled from storage and used. If not re-referred, the case notes were destroyed in line with the Retention Policy.

4.3 The Lothian archive has been checked for records relating to GRO-B and none found.

I have been provided with information from Ms Maureen Masterton, Head of Health Records to formulate this response and Ms Louise Williams, Archivist. I attach a copy of the Retention policy from 1958 WITN6932002

Section 5: Other Issues

5. 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.

I have nothing further to add.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated 26th October 2021

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| June 1958 | Scottish Health Service: Destruction of Hospital Records Policy | WITN6932002 |
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