

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies

Statement No.: WITN6932021

Exhibits: WITN6932022-024

Dated: 17 June 2022

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF TRACEY GILLIES**

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I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Lothian in response to the notification under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 12 August 2021.

I, Tracey Gillies, will say as follows: -

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

- 1. Please insert an introductory paragraph to include your date of birth, address, occupation and employment history.**

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.

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

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

## **Section 2: Response to Criticism of witness W2674**

2. Please insert your response(s) to questions 5.1 to 5.5 of the Rule 13 Notification. The questions state as follows:

At paragraph 7 of witness W2674's statement, the witness states that when she worked in the haematology laboratory at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, the consultant haematologist kept a list of haemophilia patients who had hepatitis C in the office drawer. She states that when blood samples arrived she would check the name of the patient against the list. Witness W2674 further states that none of the patients on the list were aware they had hepatitis C. She recalls that, "*at no time did we tell people on that list*" and she is unaware that anyone else in the hospital did so at that point.

3. At paragraph 38 of witness W2674's statement, the witness states that as her husband's health deteriorated, he repeatedly phoned the liver transplant team, '*but they would not do anything*', so the witness personally took her husband to the transplant ward at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
4. At paragraph 39 of witness W2674's statement, the witness states that her husband was given a diagnosis and details of secondary cancer in a room where other patients and their visitors were listening. At no time did her husband see an oncologist
5. At paragraph 39, witness W2674 states that her husband was sent home on a Friday in a private ambulance with no medical support, and no care package for the weekend.
6. At paragraph 41, witness W2674 states that she sent a letter to the liver team outlining her concerns regarding her husband's treatment and the fact his tumour was not investigated properly. Witness W2674 states that

**she received a response in which the hospital admitted they had not looked after her husband properly.**

The Consultant Haematologist referred to at paragraph 5.1 of the Rule 13 Notification is sadly deceased. The Board identified Prof Ludlam, his successor, as the person best placed to respond in his place. His response is attached (WITN6932022).

The Board also identified Dr Alistair MacGilchrist as the person best placed to respond to the criticisms narrated at paragraphs 5.2 to 5.5 inclusive of the Rule 13 Notification. He was a consultant hepatologist in the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh from 1992 until 2017 and was one of a team of clinicians responsible for the care of the husband of witness W2674. His response is attached (WITN6932023) along with accompanying complaints correspondence (WITN6932024).

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

- 7. 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.**

None

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GRO-C</b>
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Dated 17 June 2022

**Table of exhibits:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes/ Description</b>	<b>Exhibit number</b>
14/03/2022	Comments from Professor Ludlam dated 14/03/2022	WITN6932022
31/03/2022	Comments from Dr Alastair MacGilchrist	WITN6932023
February 2022	Complaints correspondence between W2674 & Dr MacGilchrist	WITN6932024