

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies
Statement No.: WITN6932035
Exhibits: None
Dated: 07/06/2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF TRACEY GILLIES

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Lothian in response to the Rule 9 Request of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 4 February 2021.

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 Lothian Health 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.

Section 2: Response to Criticism of witness W4670

Criticism by witness W4670

- 4. At paragraphs 33-34 of her statement, witness W4670 states that when her husband was admitted to Western General Hospital in 2003, she told a doctor that he had hepatitis C and lung cancer. She states that following this, there was a change in the level of care he received, and he was left to wait on a bed in a corridor without appropriate bedding. She asserts that no other patients were left waiting in the corridor, and that her husband “was treated like an animal”.**
- 5. At paragraph 41, witness W4670 states that after her husband passed away, she was provided with a death certificate but was not given any explanation about the cause of death.**
- 6. At paragraphs 37, 38 and 45, witness W4670 states that she was not given an explanation about an injection that her husband received, and she felt an explanation was necessary as according to her understanding her husband was to receive antibiotics only.**

I note the concerns raised by Mrs Fargie about the care of her husband in the Western General Hospital in 2003 as set out in above paragraphs of witness statement W4670. With the exception of the criticism set out at paragraph 6 above, the criticisms made have been addressed through the Board's complaints process. A written response was provided to Mrs Fargie on the 28th February 2003 (WITN4670007) addressing individually the concerns that were raised, although Mrs Fargie's comments on the written letter indicate that she does not agree with the content of the letter. A meeting was then arranged and held on the 23rd May 2003 with the relevant clinicians (WITN4670009) who were able to explain matters and answer any questions the Mrs Fargie had. A record of that meeting was sent to Mrs Fargie on the 3rd June 2003 (WITN4670008). These documents have been provided as part of the evidence submitted by Mrs Fargie. I am sorry that I am not able to provide further explanation or information.

I am not able to provide further information regarding the criticism raised in paragraph 37 as a significant amount of time has passed and it did not form part of the original complaint or the meeting to discuss Mr Fargie's care.

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

GRO-C

Dated

7th June 2022