

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies  
Statement No.: WITN6932038  
Exhibits: None.  
Dated: 08/06/2022

## **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 a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 12 August 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 W2153**

### ***Criticism of witness W2153***

4. At paragraph 6 of witness W2153's statement and as evidenced at exhibit WITN2153005, the witness states that at a meeting informing him of his Hepatitis C diagnosis, there were a lot of medical students present and "*glaring*" at them. Witness W2153 states that as it is a sensitive subject, they did not want "*a lot of strange faces*". Witness W2153 explains that his mother did not like that and that he was agitated at the meeting.

I have been provided with comments from Professor Hayes, and Dr Andrews, who were in attendance at the appointment referenced in paragraph 6. I understand that it would not have been usual practice to have students in attendance, and Professor Hayes is of the opinion that he would have sought the consent of the parents and the patient to them being in attendance but given the passage of time, cannot recollect the actual appointment. Professor Hayes sends his sincere apology to the patient and family for any discomfiture the presence of others in the consultation would have had.

## **Section 3: 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.

None

## **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

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