

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies

Statement No.: WITN6932039

Exhibits: None

Dated:

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 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 W2663

Criticism of witness W2663

- 4. At paragraph 14 of witness W2663's statement, the witness states that the staff of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary did not inform his wife that she had received a blood transfusion in 1977.**

It is difficult to determine what information was provided in 1977 as this was a long time ago, and maternity records are not available for this patient. W2663 notes in paragraph 2 of his witness statement that his wife collapsed in a bathroom after delivery with loss of blood. A collapse during or immediately after childbirth can be associated with very significant blood loss and constitutes an emergency. Blood transfusion may be required as part of resuscitation of the patient, and in those circumstances communication may have been more limited than it should have been in less urgent circumstances as the clinical team will have focussed their attention on the care of W2663's wife.

Section 3: Other Issues

- 5. None**

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

08/06/2022