

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies

Statement No.: WITN6932057

Exhibits: Nil

Dated: 29/05/2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF TRACEY GILLIES

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Lothian Health Board in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 13 September 2022.

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 Criticisms by Witness W2220

- 4. Please insert your response to the criticisms made by Witness W2220, as laid down in the Rule 13 Notification sent to you on 6 July 2022.**

The criticism I have been asked to address is:

Paragraph 9

Yes, the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh knew I had hepatitis C. I went there on two occasions for investigations and on both occasions I was isolated but it was never explained to me why I was being isolated. I was admitted, at one point for 4 weeks, with them trying to find out what was wrong with me. They knew I had the blood transfusion at the end of 1979, but did not further action. This was the City Hospital which was based in the Greenbank, area in Edinburgh.

I have access to the electronic records held which date back to 2004 but unfortunately no records relating to the City Hospital or care provided therein, and I am not able to provide any further information related to the criticism raised under consent. Clearly what the witness has outlined in his statement is an emergency situation with a need for blood transfusion related to life saving surgery.

I am sorry for his experience.

Section 3: Other Issues

5. If you hold evidence you consider may be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference, please insert here.

None.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C: Tracey Gillies

Dated

29/05/2023