

Witness Name: Tracey Gillies  
Statement No.: WITN6932057  
Exhibits: Nil  
Dated: 29/05/2023

## **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 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

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