

Witness Name: Dr Chris Deighan

Statement No.: WITN7116001

Exhibits: None

Dated: 29/06/2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR CHRIS DEIGHAN

I provide this statement on behalf of Greater Glasgow Health Board in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 20th August 2020.

Section 1: Introduction

1. Introductory paragraph to include your date of birth, address, occupation and employment history.

Name: Dr Christopher J Deighan

Date of birth: GRO-C 1966

Address: Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow, G12 0XH

Qualifications:

- MB.ChB.: University of Glasgow, 1989
- MRCP : Royal College of Physicians, U.K. 1992
- M.D. : University of Glasgow, 2000
- FRCP : Royal College of Physicians, Glasgow, 2004

Employment:

- Consultant Nephrologist: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde April 2000 to date

- Deputy Medical Director: Corporate, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
May 2019 to date
- Chief of Medicine, North Sector, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde – June 2015 to May 2019
- Clinical Director, Renal Services and Centre for Integrative Care, Regional Services Directorate, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde – October 2009 to June 2015

Section 2: Responses to criticism of Ms [GRO-B]

2. The criticism the Board has been asked to address is:

“At paragraph 81 of her statement, witness W0206 states that her family was not satisfied with the care her father received at Southern General Hospital. She states that, during his stay there, no one had checked whether her father had been eating, even though he was too weak to eat on his own. Please comment on this”.

To allow the Board to respond I instructed a review of the available medical records in relation to the specific concerns around Mr [GRO-B: F]'s care in respect of his appetite during his time as an in-patient at the Southern General Hospital.

This review identified that Mr [F] was admitted to the Southern General Hospital on 20/09/2009, with dehydration following diarrhoea. He was an in patient from 20/09/2009 to 23/09/2009. He received intravenous fluids. A nutrition profile was performed on 21/09/2009. His weight was recorded as 84.6kg (his weight in 1988 pre surgery was 85.6kg). He is described as having no recent weight loss. He was reviewed by palliative care who commented that they saw him whilst he was eating lunch. He was also reviewed by a dietitian, who noted that he had a reasonable appetite, so no changes to his diet were made. He had been put on Dexamethasone by the Beatson team to help his general well being. The nutrition profile notes that a review was planned in a week on 29/09/2009. At that point he had already been discharged. He was referred to a hospice for palliative care.

On behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, I apologise for the distress experienced by the family as a result of their experience during Mr [F]'s admission.

Section 3: Other Issues

3. 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 set them out here

None

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

29/06/2022