

Witness Name: Dr Chris Deighan

Statement No.: WITN7116004

Exhibits: WITN7116005 - 008

Dated: 18/08/2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR CHRIS DEIGHAN

I provide this statement on behalf of Greater Glasgow Health Board in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 26 July 2021.

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-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: Response to Criticism of witness W2186

2. Please insert your responses to paragraphs 2.1 - 2.4 of the Rule 13 Notification. The criticisms the Board has been asked to address are:

“2.1. At paragraph 6 of witness W2186’s statement, the witness states that in September 1978 when she telephoned Glasgow Royal Infirmary to inform them her husband had been ill with hepatitis following a hernia operation, she was told, “Nobody else has it!”.

2.2. At paragraph 13 of witness W2186’s statement, the witness states that her husband was tested for HCV in 1994 without being given any information or asked for consent.

2.3. At paragraph 14 of witness W2186’s statement, the witness states that at a consultation at the haematology department she and her husband were told, “We have infected all 3,000 of our patients with Hepatitis C”. When she asked what to do next they were told, “You’ll just have to learn to live with it!”. Witness W2186 states the way in which she and her husband were informed of the diagnosis was very blunt with no consideration of the impact it would have.

2.4. At paragraph 15 of witness W2186’s statement, the witness states that “having realised the apathy and careless attitude of the Royal Infirmary,” she requested her husband’s treatment be transferred to a different hospital..’

The Board identified Professor Gordon Lowe as the most appropriate person to respond to the criticisms made. Professor Lowe is now retired but was Haemophilia Centre Director at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. He was one of the patient’s treating clinicians and is the clinician towards whom the criticisms are directed. His response is attached (exhibit no WITN7116005).

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 insert them here.

4. None

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 18th August 2022

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
10/02/2022	Response of Professor Gordon Lowe	WITN7116005
30/10/1978	Letter to Mrs I Campbell	WITN7116006
13/03/1994	Discharge Summary	WITN7116007
20/06/1994	Referral Letter	WITN7116008