

Response of Dr Norman Lucie to a request from the Infected Blood Inquiry dated 4th January 2022 to Greater Glasgow Health Board for a response to criticisms made by Paul Mouncey (W0904)

1. My name is Dr Norman Philip Lucie, date of birth GRO-C1942. I was a Consultant Haematologist at Glasgow Western Infirmary from 1973 till my retiral in June 2006. My qualifications are MB CHB (1966), MrCP (UK) (1972), MRCPPath (1973), FRCP Glasgow (1985) FRCPPath (1985). I retired in June 2006 and some years after retiral, I applied for voluntary erasure from the General Medical Council.
2. Although I have no access to medical records, I can confirm that Mrs Jane Mouncey was a patient of mine at Gartnavel/ Western Infirmary, probably from 1988 as Mr Mouncey has described. She was referred from Stirling Hospital with a diagnosis of Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia, an incurable disorder but one usually compatible with survival for 10 years or more. From memory I can also confirm that she did acquire Hepatitis C, most probably from a blood transfusion. However without records, and with the passage of time, I am not able to comment on most of her clinical course.

Response to criticism at paragraph 41 of WITN0904001

The criticism I have been asked to comment on is set out at paragraph 41 at page 8 of the witness statement of Mr Mouncey. It states:

“When it came to her funeral, my family could not cope. We decided to have a little family gathering but there was an outcry as she was so popular in the local community. There was a memorial services for Jane, for which money was donated, around £1,200. This money was given to Dr. Lucy’s laboratory in Glasgow. There was a promise that the hospital would keep in touch with their research programme on bone marrow and blood related cancers. To this day we have heard nothing about the said research from Dr. Lucy other than an initial thank you for the money.”

3. I am sorry that Mr Mouncey feels I was ungrateful for the donation of around £1200 raised at the memorial service to his wife. This extremely kind donation was put towards the development of new diagnostic tests for disorders similar to Waldenstroms Disease, but generally individual donations could not be allocated to one particular project. Although I cannot recall exactly what was written in my letter of acknowledgement, I would not normally indicate that the funds would support a specific project or that I would be in a position to report on progress at some later time. If I am wrong in this and I did indicate that a later communication would follow, then I can only apologise for this omission.

Other issues

4. In his submission, Mr Mouncey expressed concern about the lack of information about risk of infection with Hep C from blood transfusion or its likely effects (page 4, para 16, 17 and 21). Mrs Mouncey was infected before testing of blood donations was possible and the clinical course of 'non A, non B' hepatitis was very variable. There would not have been adequate knowledge to be at all definite about implications of the diagnosis.

I hope this is helpful and can answer some of Mr Mouncey's concerns.