

Witness Name: Chris Deighan

Statement No.: WITN7116031

Exhibits: NIL

Dated: 24/01/2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CHRIS DEIGHAN

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 7 November.

I, Chris Deighan, will say as follows: -

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 15th January 2023
- Deputy Medical Director: Corporate, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde May 2019 to 15th January 2023

- 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 Criticisms by W5662

2. Please insert your response to the criticisms made by witness W5662, as laid down in the Rule 13 Notification sent to you on 11 October 2022.

The criticisms are in Paragraph 33, page 6.

It was quite a traumatic time as Mum wasn't being looked after properly in hospital. On more than one occasion, I took my daughter [GRO-C] to the hospital, and I was immediately turned away due to an outbreak of rotavirus in the ward, and as a result there was a real risk to my young baby. On another occasion, I visited mum during mealtime and arrived to see her eating with her fingers because nobody was there to help her. She had food all in her nails, so I fed her then cut and filed her nails. Mary also recalls another time where she and Vinny, our brother had visited mum. This was when she was incontinent, so they had to watch the nurses change her. Her skin was raw - 'it was terrible, they just left her sometimes'. It was obvious to them that at times she was being left to lie in the mess. I had seen this for myself as often, throughout her treatment, I was there and lending a helping hand. I do dread to think how she might have suffered had that not been the case. I was shocked to realise that if you didn't have the ability to sit up and eat yourself no one helped you. At that stage my Mum wanted to eat she just struggled to do it herself.

On behalf of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, I apologise if appropriate standards of care for Mary Jordan were not met and apologise for the distress experienced as a result. Unfortunately, there are no case notes available and therefore we are unable to comment any further. At the time of death (20 Jan 2003), NHSGGC was operating in terms of the NHS MEL (1993) 152 'Guidance for the retention and destruction of health records' (1993). As per this guidance, previously cited in Statement No.: WITN6911007, the minimum retention period was 3 years after death for General

Hospital records, meaning that Mary Jordan's records would have been destroyed at any point from January 20 2006 onwards.

Section 3: Other Issues

- 3. 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

Dated

24th January 2023