

Witness Name: Dr Pamela Johnston
Statement No.: WITN7142017
Exhibits: None
Dated: 08/08/2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR PAMELA JOHNSTON

I provide this statement on behalf of NHS Tayside Health Board in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16th June 2023.

I, Dr Pamela Johnston, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

Please set out your name, address, date of birth and professional qualifications.

1. Name: Dr Pamela Johnston
Address: NHS Tayside Headquarters, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD1 9SY
Date of Birth: GRO-C 1964
Professional Qualifications: MBChB, FRC

Please set out your current role at the Board and your responsibilities in that role.

2. Medical Director – NHS Tayside
UK IBI lead for NHS Tayside

Please set out the position of your organisation in relation to the hospital/other institution criticised by the witnesses (for example ‘NHS ABC Health Board (“the Board”)) operates from Hospital X and Hospital Y (formerly Hospital Z)’).

3. NHS Tayside is responsible for healthcare provision for the population of the Tayside area.

Section 2: Response to Criticism by W5356

At paragraph 14, witness W5356 states that it took seven hours to transfer her late husband to Ninewells Hospital from Stracathro Hospital in March 1985. Please comment on this.

At paragraph 15, witness W5356 states that all major incident patients were usually immediately taken to Ninewells Hospital, and it was an oversight that her late husband was not taken there straight away. Please comment on this.

4. Unfortunately, the patient's medical records no longer exist, having been destroyed in accordance with the Board's retention guidelines at the relevant time. Accordingly, the Board is unable to comment on the specific criticisms made.
5. The Board apologises that this has been the experience of the patient and family in this case as the above falls short of the standard of care the Board aims to deliver. Please be assured that we take all feedback and criticism seriously and that we act on it to continuously improve the services we provide to all our patients.

Section 3: Other Issues

6. None

Statement of Truth

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

Signed 

Dated 08/08/2023