

Witness Name: David Walsh
Statement No.: WITN7146007
Exhibits: WITN7146008- WITN7146009
Dated: 21 October 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DAVID WALSH, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE ("THE TRUST")

I provide this statement on behalf of University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust ('the Trust') in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006.

I, David Walsh, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. On 23 August 2022, the Trust received notification of criticisms made in evidence submitted by witness W4318 (hereafter 'the patient') in relation to the care provided by the former Walsgrave Hospital between 1990-2005.
2. The criticisms specifically alleged that the results of a liver biopsy taken at Walsgrave Hospital were lost and therefore not shared when the patient was subsequently seen by a doctor at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, in 2004.
3. The Trust gave consideration to the criticisms and a response is provided below.

Section 2: Response to Criticism by witnesses W4318

4. The patient states in evidence that he was seen by a doctor (hereafter 'Dr H') at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. He states that: "Dr H had taken my blood tests and viral load tests, and said that he needed my records from Walsgrave Hospital to re-

examine my liver biopsy... When he contacted Walsgrave Hospital they said that they had lost my liver biopsy notes and results. Dr H said that he could not get any of my records from Walsgrave Hospital".

5. Following investigation, the following documents were identified and now included as exhibits in support of this statement:
 - a. The results of the liver biopsy dated 7 October 2003 (**WITN7146008**)
 - b. A letter sent to Dr H at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, dated 17 November 2004, describing the outcome of the liver biopsy and explicitly referring to it being enclosed with the letter (**WITN7146009**).

Statement of Truth

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

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Signed: _____

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