

Witness Name: Dr Bernard Marden

Statement No:

Exhibits:

WITN7225002-004

04 Dated: August

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR BERNIE MARDEN

I, Dr Bernard MARDEN; will say as follows:

- 1) My name is Dr Bernie Marden. I am a Consultant Paediatrician and the Medical Director at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH). I have been employed by the RUH since January 2004. My qualifications are Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Member of the Royal College of Physicians and Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.
- 2) Despite requests made to the Haematology Department and the Policies Team based at the RUH, I have been unable to locate any policies or guidelines, pertaining to HIV/AIDS that were in force in the 1980s. I have also not been able to identify a current member of staff who is able to recall informal practice at that time. However, I note that there are numerous references throughout W1013's medical records to his negative HIV status. These are present throughout the 1980s and 1990s, in clinic notes and letters to W1013's GP. On occasion, the results are referred to as Anti HTLV III negative; this being how HIV was referred to at that time.
- 3) In relation carbon copies of HIV test results, W1013's medical records contain Microbiology results relating to HIV testing. I exhibit examples of these from 1985 and 1986 to my statement at Exhibit **[WITN7225002]** and Exhibit **[WITN7225003]**.

4) I exhibit, at **[WITN7225004]**, the letter referred to at paragraph 30, page 7 of W1013's witness statement. I am unable to confirm or deny that this relates to testing for HIV.

5) Despite thorough scrutiny of W1013's medical records, a copy of the letter referred to at paragraph 95, page 22, has not been located and therefore I am not able to provide either a copy, nor any comment upon its content.

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

Signed:-----

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Dated:-----

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