

Witness Name: Mamta Shetty Vaidya

Statement No.: WTN7651001

Exhibits: Nil

Dated: 31 January 2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR MAMTA SHETTY VAIDYA

I provide this statement on behalf of the Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 17th November 2022.

I, Mamta Shetty Vaidya, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My name is Mamta Shetty Vaidya. My date of birth is GRO-C 1970 and my professional address is Queen's Hospital, Rom Valley Way, Romford, Essex RM7 0AG.
2. I am currently Chief Medical Officer at Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust ("the Trust"). I joined the Trust in May 2022 from the Royal London Hospital where I worked for more than 15 years. My last role at the Royal London Hospital was as Deputy Medical Director. I am a consultant paediatric intensivist and I have been working on the NHS for 21 years.

Section 2: Response to Criticism(s) by W6958

3. I have read very carefully the witness statement from Inquiry witness W6958 dated 12th February 2022. At the outset of my statement I would like to say how sorry I am personally, and also on behalf of the Trust, to W6958 for the experience that she has been through which she sets out in her statement.

4. I have had particular regard to the description that W6958 provides at paragraph 16 to 20 of her statement to the treatment that she had at Barking Hospital in 1986. This was clearly a distressing experience for W6958.
5. At paragraph 49 of her statement, W6958 mentions that her daughter has been trying to get hold of records relating to her care at Barking Hospital in 1986. She mentions that, given the passage of time, it was not certain whether this would be possible. I am pleased to see the comment that the Trust has been helpful in trying to resolve this issue.
6. On receipt of W6958's statement for the Inquiry I have asked for further efforts to be made to locate the relevant records. Unfortunately these efforts have not been successful. Any information held on W6958 would have been retained on what was known as the PAS system. We no longer have access to that system but it is apparent that the relevant records must have been destroyed some while ago for them not to be referenced on the current system.

Section 3: Other Issues

7. I have considered whether I hold any evidence that is relevant to the to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference, I do not believe that I hold any such information.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

31/01/2023