

Witness Name: Yvonne Dawes  
Statement No.: WITN7676001  
Exhibits: TBC  
Dated: 13 March 2023

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF YVONNE DAWES**

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I provide this statement in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 24 February 2023.

I, Yvonne Dawes, will say as follows: -

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

1. Yvonne DAWES Hepatitis Nurse Specialist  
(DOB [GRO-C] 1960)

2. Address: [GRO-C]  
[GRO-C]

#### **Employment History:**

3. I have worked as a Specialist Nurse in Viral Hepatitis since 1996

#### **Section 2: Responses to criticism by W4403**

4. Although I do not recall the actual conversation with this lady as it was many years ago. However, I always allocated a minimum of 1 hour to discuss side effects for patients. I went into great detail about the numerous side effects they may experience and how best to manage them. Thyroid dysfunction was one of the rarer ones although always mentioned. I always took great lengths to go through all the side effects, so that they did not come as a shock. They could

be very debilitating and difficult for many patients who received the Interferon-based therapy. I also gave written information to support this.

5. Lots of patients who had Interferon treatment for Hepatitis C experienced hair loss.

This is of course extremely distressing. Many of the side effects are similar to those patients having chemotherapy.

I have been treating patients since 1996 and have a great deal of knowledge, experience & expertise. Although I cannot recall the actual conversation, I can honestly say I would never, ever say that to a patient, especially a female, regarding hair loss.

6. Lots of patients call long after the treatment is complete and I always, always provide any ongoing support required. I still speak to some patient who I treated up to ten or twelve years ago.

### **Section 3: Other Issues**

7. None

### **Statement of Truth**

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

GRO-C

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_ 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

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