

Witness Name: Dr Andrew Fowell

Statement No.: WITN7718001

Exhibits: N/A

Dated: 20 JULY 2023

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR ANDREW FOWELL

I provide this statement in response to the Infected Blood Inquiry request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 31 August 2022, to respond to criticisms made about me by a witness to the inquiry, reference number W0491.

I, Dr Andrew Fowell, of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, PO6 3LY will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. I am a Consultant Hepatologist who qualified with Bachelor of Medicine and Intercalated Bachelor of Science from the University of Southampton in 1998. After obtaining my medical degree I completed my pre-registration House Officer posts in 1998 and 1999 in Bath and Southampton, respectively. Thereafter I worked in a range of Senior House Officer positions at Northwick Park and St Mark's Hospital, London and Charing Cross Hospital, London between 1999 and 2002, during which time I obtained Membership of the Royal College of Physicians.
2. I undertook specialist training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology between 2002 and 2011 in the Wessex Region, including a period as an MRC Clinical Research Training Fellow at the University of Southampton in 2005 to 2009, leading to the award of a PhD in Medicine.
3. I obtained my Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in Gastroenterology and General Medicine, with sub-specialty accreditation in Hepatology in 2011 and was

appointed Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust in 2011, where I have worked to date.

4. In November 2020 I was appointed Clinical Director for Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust.

Section 2: Responses to criticism(s) by witness W0491

5. I regularly saw the late spouse of witness W0491 between September 2015 and November 2016 in a joint clinic held at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth with Dr Aileen Marshall, Consultant Hepatologist from the Royal Free Hospital. This clinic was held approximately every 3 months for patients who were being considered for, or who had undergone liver transplantation.
6. Dr Marshall has provided detailed responses to the criticism they and I received by witness W0491 in their statement number: WITN7660001. I concur entirely with the responses provided by Dr Marshall in witness statement WITN7660001 and its associated exhibits.

Section 3: Other Issues

7. There is no further evidence I hold that I consider may be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of the matters set out in its Terms of Reference.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Dated

20/7/2023