

Witness Name: Dr Neil Bayman

Statement No.: WITN7722001

Exhibits: Nil

Dated: 9 February 2023

## **INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY**

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### **WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR NEIL BAYMAN**

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I provide this statement on behalf of The Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 January 2023.

I, Dr Neil Bayman, will say as follows: -

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

1. My name is Dr Neil Bayman, date of birth GRO-C 1976. I am Executive Medical Director of The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, M20 4BX since 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and Consultant Clinical Oncologist at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust since March 2009.

#### **Section 2: Response to Criticism(s) by W6910**

2. In response to witness W6910 concerns that they were flagged as 'high risk' despite being clear from Hepatitis C since 2016, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust wrote to witness W6910 in November 2021 to apologise for the anxiety and upset this caused and confirm that the "high risk" flag had been removed from their record. Whilst all blood and body fluid samples at The Christie are handled as if they are high risk according to recognised best practice, some of the specialist tests carried out at our Trust are managed differently when

certain active viruses including Hepatitis C are present, so it is still necessary to identify these samples. Since W6910 raised their concerns with us in 2021, we have amended our procedures to clarify that samples from people with treated or cleared Hepatitis C do not need to be identified.

3. In response to witness W6910 concerns that they had been treated differently at The Christie due to their previous Hepatitis C infection, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust wrote to witness W6910 in November 2021 to assure that they were not treated differently due to their previous Hepatitis C infection. Witness W6910's doctor provided an appropriate and thorough clinical assessment as a second opinion at the request of another clinician. Witness W6910's care was evidence-based and according to best practice. In no circumstances would The Christie not proceed with any necessary test or evaluation based on a previous Hepatitis C infection.

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

4. Nothing to declare.

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**GRO-C**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 9 February 2023 \_\_\_\_\_