

Witness Name: Dr James Mark Dudley

Statement No.: WITN7728001

Exhibits: WITN7728002

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR JAMES MARK DUDLEY

I provide this statement in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 7 July 2023.

I, Dr James Mark Dudley, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My date of birth is [GRO-C] 1956. My address is [GRO-C], Surrey [GRO-C] I am retired. My qualifications are M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.Path, F.F.F.L.M., Barrister.

2. My employment was as follows:

Aug. 1980 - Jan. 1981 : House Surgeon in General Surgery and Orthopaedics;
Cuckfield Hospital.

Feb. 1981 - Jul. 1981 : House Physician Guy's Hospital.

Feb. 1982 - Jul. 1982 : Senior House Officer, Accident and Emergency;
Westminster Hospital.

Feb. 1983 - Aug. 1983 : Senior House Officer in Clinical Pathology; Lewisham Hospital.

Sep. 1983 - Jan. 1984 : Registrar in Clinical Haematology; Lewisham Hospital

Feb. 1984 - Oct. 1984 : Registrar in General Medicine and Haematology; Edgware General Hospital

Nov. 1984 - Dec. 1985 : Registrar in Haematology; Edgware General Hospital

Jan. 1986 - Nov. 1986 : Lecturer in Haematology (Honorary Registrar); St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dec. 1986 - Nov. 1988 : Lecturer in Haematology (Honorary Senior Registrar); St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dec. 1988 - Nov. 1990 : Research Fellow (Honorary Senior Registrar); St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dec. 1990 - Jun. 1991 : Lecturer in Haematology (Honorary Senior Registrar); St. Thomas' Hospital.

Jul. 1991 - Sept. 1996: Consultant Haematologist, Guy's and Lewisham Hospitals

Sept. 1996 - 1997: Consultant Haematologist, Guy's Hospital

1997 - 2011: Medicolegal Adviser, Medical Protection Society

Section 2: Responses to criticism by W0994

3. The criticism made of me by W0994 relates to care and treatment that it is said I provided to his brother (the "Patient") at Lewisham Hospital in the early 1990s.

As can be seen from Section 1 of this statement, I did not start work as a consultant at Lewisham until July 1991. Therefore, the Patient's care and treatment at Lewisham for the period 1990 to July 1991 could not have involved me. Prior to July 1991 I had only worked at Lewisham, first as an SHO then as a registrar, a junior doctor, for a period of 12 months from February 1983 to January 1984. I do not recall being involved with any treatment or care of the Patient between 1983 and 1984. It is said that Lewisham was aware of the Patient's condition of HIV/AIDS in 1985 and that the Patient was not informed of this diagnosis until 1988. I was not working at Lewisham in 1985 or 1988 nor during the intervening period. Therefore, in summary, none of the criticisms W0994 makes of me appear to relate to me.

4. At Paragraph 11 page 5 of WITN0994001, W0994 states that: *"On 29 May 1990 Barry wrote a letter [the "Letter"] to his consultant complaining that he had not been told of his condition of HIV/AIDS until 1988 even though that hospital knew that he had this condition for about 3 years....."*. As can be seen from Section 1, I was not working at Lewisham in 1990 nor earlier in 1985 or 1988. Therefore, I would not have been the consultant to whom this Letter was sent in 1990; would not have been involved in, or had a discussion with the Patient about, a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in 1988, and; would not have been in a position to respond to the Letter.
5. I have been provided with a number of documents by the IBI, which I understand were obtained from W0994. These comprise the Letter, which appears to be a draft (5 pages), some letters to the patient from the Hospital (4 pages), and documents from the UK Haemophilia Centre Directors Survey (and seemingly similar sources (17 pages)). These aside, I have not been provided with any of the great bulk of Lewisham Hospital records which I believe once existed.
6. At Paragraph 11 page 5 of WITN0994001, W0994 also states that: *"This (L)etter is of the most crucial importance in understanding the sequence of events, and the lack of information imparted to the patient. I have no doubt that this letter was sent to Dr Dudley, aforementioned, but I suspect there was no response in writing for fear of self-incrimination."* I do not know how W9904 can

be certain that this Letter was sent to me as I was not at Lewisham in 1990 (nor in 1985 or 1988). It therefore also follows that during the period referred to, as I was not at Lewisham, I was not responsible for the suggested lack of information provided to the Patient about his condition during this period, and so there would no reason for me to fear "self-incrimination". Further, I note that the Letter does not bear the name nor the address of the intended recipient. There is nothing to indicate that the intended recipient was a doctor of any kind. There is nothing to indicate that it was eventually sent. (WITN7728002)

7. As I have not seen the relevant medical records, I cannot say, with certainty, the full extent of the care and treatment the Patient received at Lewisham between July 1991 when I arrived as a consultant and his death in 1993. However, W0994 states, in paragraph 11 of WITN0994001, that at *".....some time in 1991 all the stops were pulled out to ensure that Barry received extra care and support and medicines, such as AZT, to deal with his condition."* The implication from paragraphs 13 and 27 of WITN0994001 is that AZT was prescribed because of the diagnosis of AIDS in March 1991. Again, I arrived at Lewisham in July 1991. I have no way of confirming precisely when my predecessor first informed the patient of his HIV diagnosis.

Section 3: Other Issues

8. I do not hold evidence which 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 GRO-C

Dated 08.09.2023

Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
29 May 1990	Described as letter to Consultant	WITN7728002