

Witness Name: Nicola Mackett

Statement No.: WITN7746001

Exhibits: N/A

Dated: 16 February 2024

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NICOLA MACKETT

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I provide this statement in response to the request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 4 January 2024.

I, Nicola Mackett, will say as follows: -

#### Section 1: Introduction

1. My date of birth is **GRO-C** 1959. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. Between 1978 to 1982, I became dual qualified as a State Registered Nurse and Registered Sick Children's Nurse. Throughout my training, I undertook placements in Hospitals for Sick Children Great Ormond Street, and hospitals in Bromley Area Health authority including Orpington Hospital, Beckenham Maternity Hospital and Bethlem Royal Hospital.
3. In 1982 I worked as a staff nurse in Neonatal Surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital.
4. Between 1982 and 1984 I worked as a staff nurse Special Care Baby Unit at Treliske Hospital, Cornwall.
5. Between 1984 and 1986 I worked as Ward Sister on the Surgical Ward at Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester



6. Between 1986 and 1989 I worked as a Staff Nurse on the Children's Ward at Christie Hospital, Manchester.
7. I became a Nurse Specialist at Alder Hey NHS Trust in November 1989. Originally the aim of this post was to set up specialist nurse service for Children, young people and their families affected by haemophilia and HIV/AIDS. I worked in this post until my resignation in March 2020.
8. Whilst at Alder Hey, I obtained the following university qualifications:
  - a. Bsc Nursing Studies 1992 University of Manchester
  - b. Msc through Research 2014 University of Central Lancashire
9. I am not currently in paid employment.

## **Section 2: Responses to criticisms by Witness W3936**

10. I left Alder Hey Children's Hospital and the NHS at the end of March 2020. I had no access to my work email address after that time. I am informed that on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 correspondence from the Inquiry was sent to my NHS account. I had no knowledge of this communication until October 2023 when I received communication from the Inquiry which was sent to my home address.
11. The Inquiry is aware of my personal circumstances which have prevented me from responding to their communication dated October 2023 until now. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay has caused.
12. I remember very well the young man (the patient) the witness (his mother), and his step-father. As a family their love, warmth and compassion was always evident. In an unimaginably terrifying and cruel time for them, their shared gentle humour, positivity and warmth shone through.
13. At any time, but particularly where a family have and are experiencing such devastating trauma it is with deep regret and shock to find that I used the words and phrases attributed to me. I wish to whole-heartedly and unreservedly apologise for compounding the hurt and suffering experienced by the witness and the family.



Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated 16 February 2024