

Witness: M. Adamson

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UK COVID-19 PUBLIC INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF MICHAEL JOHN ADAMSON

I, **MICHAEL JOHN ADAMSON**, of 44 Moorfields, London, EC2Y 9AL **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am the Chief Executive of the British Red Cross (the **BRC**) and, in that capacity, I am Co-Chair of the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership (**VCSEP**).
2. I make this witness statement in response to a Request for Evidence under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules issued by the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry (the **Inquiry**), which was sent to VCSEP by way of letter dated 9 January 2023 (the **VCSEP Rule 9 Request**).
3. I have separately provided a witness statement to the Inquiry on behalf of the BRC in response to a similar request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules received by the BRC on 9 January 2023 (**ADAMSON1**). As explained in ADAMSON1, VCSEP is both hosted, and co-chaired, by the BRC and, in preparing ADAMSON1, I consulted with senior colleagues at VCSEP with the VCSEP Rule 9 Request in mind. VCSEP considers that its responses to the questions contained in the VCSEP Rule 9 Request, and its views on the Module 1 topics of emergency preparedness, resilience and pandemic planning, are sufficiently addressed in ADAMSON1. Accordingly, VCSEP requests that the Inquiry refer to the contents of ADAMSON1 for VCSEP's substantive response to the VCSEP Rule 9 Request.

4. I confirm that I am willing for this witness statement to form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and for it to be published on the Inquiry's website.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed:

Personal Data

MICHAEL JOHN ADAMSON

Dated this 28th day of April 2023