

Witness Name: Alex Marshall

Statement no.: 3

Exhibits: 1

Dated: 29 August 2024

**UK COVID-19 INQUIRY
MODULE 3**

**THIRD WITNESS STATEMENT OF
ALEX MARSHALL**

I, Alex Marshall, of the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain of Room 1, St Margaret's House, 15 Old Ford Rd, London E2 9PJ will say as follows:

1. I am President of the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB) Trade Union.
2. This statement comes further to that made by me on 1 July 2024, within which I adopted and attested to the contents of the witness statement provided to the Inquiry by the Frontline Migrant Health Workers' Group (FMHWG) dated 8 May 2024.
3. I make this further statement in order to provide the following exhibit, 'Forty Years of Failure: Private sector contracting and its impact on the NHS' written and researched by Dr John Lister in August 2024 (AM3/1 **[INQ000474329]**)
4. The report provides helpful context to the evidence I will be giving orally. It sets out the history of private sector contracting and its impact on healthcare systems, and its contents goes to the heart of the Inquiry's work in Module 3 in assessing the ability of the healthcare systems to respond to the pandemic and provides vital context to my evidence on behalf of the FMHWG.
5. The report has particular relevance to outsourced services including hospital cleaning, security, catering, and medical testing. It provides valuable background information with regard to funding and surge capacity within the healthcare systems.

6. The Group was requested to provide details of submissions made by members of FMHWG to any outsourced organisation relating to the impact of the pandemic on low-paid, migrant and precariously employed workers, and any response received. As such, I exhibit further correspondence between IWGB and an outsourced diagnostics company concerning their refusal to provide lateral flow tests to medical couriers transporting Covid test samples between hospitals and the laboratory (AM3/2, AM3/3). This point was raised in the witness statement of FMHWG dated 8 May 2024 - these exhibits serve to provide detail and supporting evidence to this industry practice.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Personal Data

Signed: _____

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