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UK COVID-19 INQUIRY

SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS STATEMENT OF ANDREW GOODALL

I, Andrew Goodall, will say as follows: -

1. I provide this supplementary statement (M3-WGO-04) in response to a request made by the UK Covid-19 Public Inquiry following oral evidence I provided on 12 November 2024 and 13 November 2024.
2. It is provided in addition to my previous statement to this module, referenced M3-WGO-01.

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure devices

3. During my evidence I was asked about two SitRep reports, from 30 March 2020 and 4 April 2020, and specifically about the availability of information on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure devices. As a point of clarification, the full SitRep report from 4 April 2020 does contain information on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure devices in Table 1b. This is exhibited on page 166 of my previous statement (M3-WGO-01), and I exhibit it again here as **AGM3WGO04/001-INQ000421646**.

Capacity data

4. I was asked about the Welsh Government's retention of data on critical care capacity and general bed capacity. By way of clarification, health boards collected the data about their own capacity and submitted it to Digital Health and Care

Wales, who was responsible for the collection of this data. Digital Health and Care Wales collated and validated the data which was captured in daily SitRep reports submitted to the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government still hold all the daily sit rep reports through the relevant period and Digital Health and Care Wales retain all of the individual submissions from the health boards (up to 39,000 records). On Counsel to the Inquiry's question about the percentage of critical care beds occupied by Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 patients this was included within the individual health board returns.

Independent provider data

5. Information on the activity of independent providers for NHS patients is held by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee, a joint committee of representatives from each local health board in Wales responsible for the joint planning of specialist and tertiary services within the relevant period. The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held the contracts with providers.

6. Relevant data does remain available to the Welsh Government, although it is not the data holder. A consolidated summary of activity by health board was sent by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee to the Welsh Government as well as various organisations across the NHS in Wales. I exhibit the consolidated summaries located by the Welsh Government as **[AGM3WGO04/002-INQ000513693, AGM3WGO04/003-INQ000513675, AGM3WGO04/004-INQ000513845, AGM3WGO04/005-INQ000513694, AGM3WGO04/006-INQ000513676, AGM3WGO04/007-INQ000513677, AGM3WGO04/008-INQ000513678, AGM3WGO04/009-INQ000513679, AGM3WGO04/010-INQ000513680, AGM3WGO04/011-INQ000513681, AGM3WGO04/012-INQ000513682, AGM3WGO04/013-INQ000513683, AGM3WGO04/014-INQ000513684, AGM3WGO04/015-INQ000513685, AGM3WGO04/016-INQ000513686, AGM3WGO04/017-INQ000513687, AGM3WGO04/018-INQ000513688, AGM3WGO04/019-INQ000513689, AGM3WGO04/020-INQ000513692, AGM3WGO04/021-INQ000513690 and AGM3WGO04/022-INQ000513691]**. These summaries relate to activity for periods up to the weeks commencing 4 May 2020, 11 May 2020, 29 June 2020 and 7 September 2020, as well as 17 weeks between 5 October 2020 and 29 March 2021 when contracts with independent contractors closed.

7. The final summary – exhibited above as **AGM3WGO04/022-INQ000513691** – summarises private provider utilisation from early April 2020 up to the week commencing 29 March 2021, noting
 - a. 3,254 inpatients;
 - b. 1,605 daycase;
 - c. 1,009 endoscopy; and
 - d. 11,827 outpatients as well as various other areas of activity.

Workforce absence data

8. The information I provided in paragraph 597 of M3-WGO-01 was correct and daily data on workforce absence was collected until 9 August 2020. Data was collected daily between April 2020 and August 2020, weekly between August 2020 and June 2021, fortnightly between June 2021 and December 2021, weekly from January 2022 to May 2022, fortnightly from May 2022 to June 2022, weekly from June 2022 to August 2022, and fortnightly from August 2022 until collection ended in June 2023.

Shielding reviews

9. Further to questions from the Clinically Vulnerable Families group on Welsh Government reviews into shielding. Two relevant reviews are the Welsh Government's Internal Audit Service Report review which I exhibit as **AGM3WGO04/023-INQ000472024** and the Health Social Care and Sport Committee's review which I exhibit as **AGM3WGO04/024-INQ000349686**, along with the Welsh Government response as **AGM3WGO04/025-INQ000198448**. The Welsh Government also facilitated the EVITE Immunity Project research led by Professor Helen Snooks at Cardiff University, and I exhibit its results as **AGM3WGO04/026-INQ000328637**. There are no current plans for further reviews. There are no additional reviews into shielding carried out or commissioned by the Welsh Government.

Escalation of care

10. Further to questions from Covid Bereaved Families for Justice Cymru on escalation of treatment in times of stretched capacity and resources, I cover the

work of the Covid-19 Moral and Ethical Advisory Group Wales from paragraph 255 of M3-WGO-01, including the guidance for healthcare services when making decisions during the pandemic which I exhibit as **AGM3WGO04/027-INQ000081000**.

11. I committed to sharing supporting information for the workforce in Wales by the Technical Advisory Group on the risks healthcare workers were being exposed to in the context of moral injury. I exhibit 'Technical Advisory Group: moral injury in health care workers during the Covid-19 pandemic' as **AGM3WGO04/028-INQ000312124**.

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:

Dated: 26 November 2024