



## UROLOGY SERVICES INQUIRY

USI Ref: Section 21 Notice Number 62 of 2022

Date of Notice: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

---

**Addendum Witness Statement of: John O'Donoghue**

---

I, John O'Donoghue, will say as follows:-

I wish to make the following amendments to my existing response, dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to Section 21 Notice number 62 of 2022:

1. At paragraph 1.2 (WIT-50517), I have stated '*The first time I became aware of issues of concern was during Mr O'Brien's sick leave in mid-November 2016.*' However, paragraph 53.2 at WIT 50545 best describes the position wherein I have stated '*Mr O'Brien went on sick leave in mid-November 2016 and we as a consultant body were informed at our weekly meeting with regard to the triage issues in early January 2017. Attendance at this meeting included Miss Martina Corrigan, MR J O'Donoghue, Mr Mark Haynes, Mr Michael Young and Mr AJ Glackin.*'
2. At paragraph 39.1 (WIT-50538), I have stated '*I attended the weekly departmental meeting and that is where I first became aware of the issue with regard to the failure of Mr O'Brien to triage referrals in early January 2017,*' however, paragraph 53.2 at WIT-50545 best describes the position wherein I have stated '*Mr O'Brien went on sick leave in mid-November 2016 and we as a consultant body were informed at our weekly meeting with regard to the triage issues in early January 2017. Attendance at this meeting included Miss Martina Corrigan, MR J O'Donoghue, Mr Mark Haynes, Mr Michael Young and Mr AJ Glackin.*'



## Urology Services Inquiry

3. At paragraph 47.3 (WIT- 50542) I have stated that *'The issues with regards to Mr O'Brien's failure to triage were first discussed at the weekly urology departmental meeting with the head of service and consultants in early January 2017. Attendees included Miss Martina Corrigan, Mr J O'Donoghue, Mr M Young, Mr AJ Glackin and Mr Mark Haynes'*. Paragraph 53.2 at WIT- 50545 best describes the position wherein I have stated *'Mr O'Brien went on sick leave in mid-November 2016 and we as a consultant body were informed at our weekly meeting with regard to the triage issues in early January 2017. Attendance at this meeting included Miss Martina Corrigan, MR J O'Donoghue, Mr Mark Haynes, Mr Michael Young and Mr AJ Glackin.'*
  
4. At paragraph 6.1 (WIT- 50522) I have stated *'The day to day running of the department was co-ordinated by the head of service and the clinical director, Mr Michael Young, Consultant Urologist.'* This should be amended to state, *'The day to day running of the department was co-ordinated by the head of service and the clinical director lead, Mr Michael Young, Consultant Urologist'*.
  
5. At paragraph 20 (WIT-50531) I have stated *'I have never sought further administrative assistance'*. Having received my Witness Bundle, I am reminded that I contacted Andrea Cunningham on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 as I became aware that my secretary was only 0.5WTE. I was concerned that this was not enough time to cope with the administrative burden of the job. Katherine Robinson replied to Andrea's email agreeing that this was not enough support for a consultant and risked backlogs and things not being done in a timely manner.
  
6. At paragraph 33.1 (WIT-50536), I have stated *'Those overseeing clinical governance were the Clinical Director Mr T McNaboe, the Associate Medical Directors Mr Mark Haynes and Mr Ted McNaboe and the Clinical Lead Mr Michael Young'* This should be amended to *'Those overseeing clinical governance were the Clinical Director Mr T McNaboe, the Associate Medical*



## Urology Services Inquiry

Directors Mr Mark Haynes and Mr Ted McNaboe and the Clinical Lead Mr Michael Young and Mr Colin Weir, Clinical Director.

7. At paragraph 35.1 (WIT-50537), I have stated *'I attended the uro-oncology PSM, stone meeting, urogynaecology MDM and reconstruction meeting to discuss relevant patient care.'* This should be amended to *'I attended the uro-oncology **MDM**, stone meeting, urogynaecology MDM and reconstruction meeting to discuss relevant patient care.'*
  
8. At paragraph 36.1 (WIT-50537) I have stated *'All urology consultants participated in the PSM and the multidisciplinary meetings (Uro-oncology, urogynaecology, kidney stone and complex reconstruction). I felt satisfied that patients were receiving multi-disciplinary expert care. Online systems were put in place for triage and to sign off results. As I was having yearly appraisals, I assumed my colleagues were also been appraised.'* This should be amended to state *'All urology consultants participated in the PSM and the multidisciplinary meetings (Uro-oncology, urogynaecology, kidney stone and complex reconstruction). I felt satisfied that patients were receiving multi-disciplinary expert care. Online systems were put in place for triage and to sign off results. As I was having yearly appraisals, I assumed my colleagues were also ~~been~~ **being** appraised.'*
  
9. At paragraph 47.2 (WIT- 50541) I have stated *'I worked with Mr Michael Young as a Urology Colleague and both Mr Michael Young and Miss Martina Corrigan attended the PSM and weekly departmental meetings where governance issues were discussed'*. I omitted to mention Colin Weir, Clinical Director and Dr. McAllister AMD in the names I added to the names of post holders listed in Question 47.
  
10. At paragraph 49.1 (WIT-50543) I have stated *'The only issue I raised was a SAI from the Uro-Oncology Meeting in 2019. I submitted an IR1 on 03/10/2019 when I was chairing the Uro-oncology MDM. This was in relation to a patient of Mr O'Brien who had not been referred for a kidney biopsy as*



## Urology Services Inquiry

*per MDM advice 27/06/2019. He was seen in clinic the following week and arrangements were made for him to have surgery in the next few months. He had a nephrectomy in early January 2020. His latest review in relation to this was in early 2022 and he has suffered no consequences as a result of the delay up to now. The investigation with regard to the circumstances of the delay is ongoing'. This should state '~~The only issue I raised was~~ a SAI from the Uro-Oncology Meeting in 2019. I submitted an IR1 on 03/10/2019 when I was chairing the Uro-oncology MDM. This was in relation to a patient of Mr O'Brien who had not been referred for a kidney biopsy as per MDM advice 27/06/2019. He was seen in clinic the following week and arrangements were made for him to have surgery in the next few months. He had a nephrectomy in early January 2020. His latest review in relation to this was in early 2022 and he has suffered no consequences as a result of the delay up to now. The investigation with regard to the circumstances of the delay is ongoing. I raised concerns regarding a locum consultant [Personal Information redacted by USI] in an email dated [Personal Information redacted by USI] 2020 WIT-53236. My concern related to the quality of his clinic letters which I felt were not of a standard I would expect from a consultant. The registrar also told me about questionable medical management in 2 patients and I mentioned this in the email.*

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed:

[Personal Information redacted by the USI]

Date: 03/10/2023