UROLOGY SERVICES INQUIRY

USI Ref: Section 21 Notice No. 61 of 2022

Date of Notice: 7th June 2022

Second Witness Statement of: Kothandaraman Suresh

Addendum and Corrections

I, Kothandaraman Suresh, will say as follows:-

- 1. This is my second statement to the Inquiry and is by way of clarification and amendment to my earlier statement dated 1st September 2022.
- 2. On page 24 of the bundle with the reference WIT- 50334 where I refer to "MBBS December 1990" the date should read December 1991
- 3. At WIT-50339 (page29) where it reads: "8.1 In my view, the roles and responsibilities of those who had governance responsibilities are" I would ask that it now reads " 8.1 In my view, the roles and responsibilities of those who had operational and governance responsibilities are"
- **4.** At WIT-50360 (page 50) it says (v) the Associate Medical Director; 47.5 To have my job plan approved. The interactions were through emails. I had no issues. I would wish to add:

"After an incident in Autumn 2015, during my on- call day, when a patient had to undergo an emergency nephrectomy, for which I had to seek help from another senior consultant- Mr O'Brien, there was a meeting with Mr Mackle and Ms Corrigan. During the meeting, I raised my apprehension about open major urological operations. It was recognised that my main scope of work was endo-urology. I was assured that support would be available from another senior consultant whom I could contact if needed. I was also encouraged to attend other theatres and relevant course to build up my confidence. I fully engaged with what were discussed in the meeting. After that incident, I was accompanied by another consultant during the ward rounds on ad-hoc basis and to my knowledge, they were satisfied with my approach and no concern was raised."

5. At WIT-50365 (Page 55) where it states 51.1. Personally, I did not feel any need for any extra support. But, to boost up my confidence in major open surgeries, when I asked for support, the support was provided by facilitating me to join theatres with other consultants and to attend a cadaveric course.

I would like to amend this to say

Should be: 51.1 Personally, I did not feel any need for any extra support except for emergency major open urological operations. To boost up my confidence in major open surgeries, when I asked for support, the support was provided by facilitating me to join theatres with other consultants and to attend a cadaveric course. Also, I was assured support would be available, if needed, for major open urological operations.

Statement of Truth

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



Signed.

Dated. 16/10/23