

**UROLOGY SERVICES INQUIRY**

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Date of Notice: 5 October 2022

Supplementary Witness Statement of Colin Fitzpatrick

I, Colin Fitzpatrick will say as follows:-

1. I make this further supplemental (fourth) statement in order to address some further issues highlighted by the Statutory Independent Inquiry into the Urology Services in the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (the Inquiry), since my witness statement of 20 October 2022. This statement has been prepared with reference to the case file, my earlier witness statement and my own knowledge of the operation of the NCAA/NCAS/ The Advisory Service/ Practitioner Performance Advice.
2. My earlier witness statements of 22 March 2021, 6 July 2022 and 20 October 2022 remain factually correct.
3. I have been provided with copies of the following:
 - a. an email addressed to me from Anne Brennan (on behalf of Paddy Loughran) dated 16 September 2010 timed 14:26;
 - b. the programme for the Southern Health and Social Care Trust Medical Leadership Network training on Friday 24 September 2010;
 - c. presentation slides entitled "Medical Leadership Network Handling Concerns Workshop" delivered at the training on 24 September 2010; and
 - d. presentation slides entitled "*The National Clinical Assessment Service – helping resolve performance concerns*" (I previously produced this document at exhibit CF10 to my third witness statement dated 20 October 2022).

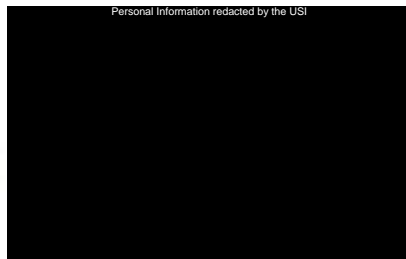


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4. My contribution to the training on 24 September 2010 was to describe the role and function of NCAS. I understand that the Trust Guidelines for Handling Concerns about Doctors' and Dentists' Performance (**the 2010 Guidelines**) had already been written by then and was being presented to senior medical managers at the training day. I believe that I stayed on after my presentation for the part where fictitious case studies were discussed and I probably made comments on the case studies at that time.
5. If I had been asked to provide formal advice on the 2010 Guidelines I would have expected a formal request to comment on a draft or to be part of the group developing the guidance. I have no memory of either and cannot find any documentation to suggest that either happened.
6. If the trust has a record of advice at the time I would be willing to review this.

Statement of Truth

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



Signed: _____

10 December 2022

Date: _____