

## Statement for Sheku Bayoh enquiry

**1. Please provide your full name, date of birth, personal or business address and best contact details for you.**

Dr Katharine Pollock

DOB [REDACTED] 1969

Work : [REDACTED]

Home : [REDACTED]

Contact: [REDACTED]

### Qualifications and experience

**2. When did you qualify as a doctor?**

I qualified as a doctor in 1995.

**3. What are your qualifications? Where and when did you obtain these qualifications? Are you a member of any Royal Colleges or other professional organisations?**

Qualifications : BMedSci (1993), MBChB (1995), University of Sheffield. MRCP

**4. Please summarise your professional experience since qualification.**

- Junior Doctor roles in Medicine, Surgery, Orthopaedics and Accident and Emergency in Sheffield, Barnsley and Nottingham.
- Medical Senior House Officer (SHO) Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (2years), then Western General Hospital (Edinburgh).
- SHO Intensive Care Unit and Scottish Liver Transplant Unit, Edinburgh.
- Research fellow Scottish Liver transplant Unit.
- Gastroenterology Registrar Training Programme, North East region (Newcastle)
- Gastroenterology Training Programme, Edinburgh
- Locum Consultant Gastroenterologist, Forth Valley NHS Trust 2012-13
- Consultant Gastroenterologist and Physician, NHS Fife June 2013 – present

**5. What is your current position? What are your roles and responsibilities? What was your position in May 2015? What were your roles and responsibilities? You may find it easier to provide us with your most up to date CV.**

My current role is Consultant Gastroenterologist responsible for inpatient and outpatient care of people with liver and bowel disease, endoscopy procedures, consultant physician responsible for acute medical admissions when on call for admissions unit.

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**6. Please read your previous PIRC statement (PIRC-00303) provided by the Inquiry. Please confirm whether the statement you provided to PIRC was true and accurate and whether you signed that statement when it was noted at interview.**

Statement PIRC-00303, this statement is true and accurate. I believe that it was signed by me but the uploaded copy does not contain my signature

**11 May 2015**

**7. What was your role on 11 May 2015? What shift times were you working?**

My role was Medical Consultant for Admissions Unit 1. I do not know what shift times I was working.

**8. How clear is your memory of what happened on 11 May 2015? Do you recall seeing Nicole Short? Was your recollection better when you gave a statement to the PIRC on 18 June 2015 than it is now? In the event that your statement to the Inquiry contradicts your statement to PIRC, which statement should be preferred and why?**

My recollection of this date was clearer when I gave the statement on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 than it is now. I recall seeing Nicole Short but do not recall any further details of the consultation than those I provided in my previous statement which should be preferred.

**Nicole Short**

**9. Please read the medical records relating to Nicole Short (PIRC-01361) and confirm what notes you have made, if any, and what they mean. Please confirm if any of the handwriting or the signatures in the notes are yours.**

I did not make any notes in the medical records.

**10. Where in the hospital was this patient when you attended to her?**

I attended this patient in Admissions Unit 1, Victoria Hospital.

**11. How long did you spend with her?**

I spent a few minutes with her, I cannot be more precise regarding the duration of the consultation.

**12. Please confirm what, if anything, she said during the time you spent with her.**

I cannot recall her specific words so I refer you to my previous statement

**Attendance with Nicole Short**

**13. At what stage of this patient's attendance at hospital did you become involved? What was your role?**

I reviewed the patient on the post take ward round as the consultant.

**15. What discussions, if any, did you have with Dr Ali Siddiqui at the Acute Admissions Ward regarding PC Short on 11 May 2015? What discussions, if any, did you have with other doctors or nurses regarding PC Short? What were their names?**

Admission clerking by Dr Speakman, Foundation year 2 doctor. The consultant name on the post take consultant ward round is not legible and I do not know who this is.

I did not, as far as I can recall, have any discussions with Dr Ali Siddiqui or with any other doctors or nurses regarding PC Short.

**16. What information were you given about this patient and by whom? If the patient provided you with information, what was her presenting complaint?**

The information provided about this patient was that documented in the medical notes and the report of the CT scan.

**17. What were the patient's injuries, if any, as far as you were aware?**

There were no visible injuries documented.

**18. What information were you given about the incident in which the patient was purported to have been injured?**

I was informed that a head injury had occurred as the result of an assault which occurred 1 week prior to this admission.

**19. Please describe her presentation and demeanour and manner of the patient, during your time with her.**

I do not recollect her presentation, demeanour or manner so I refer you to my previous statement.

**20. Was treatment, if any, was required? Please describe the patient's response to treatment.**

No treatment was required.

**21. What advice did you give to this patient? What was the patient's reply to this advice?**

Advice was given to take analgesia and to perform gentle neck exercises. There is no documentation of the patient's reply to this advice.

**22. In your PIRC statement on page 2 you state: "I didn't notice any facial swelling or droop." Was this volunteered by you, by the patient or by the interviewer when you gave your statement?**

The lack of facial swelling or droop was noted in the admission document. I have no clearer recollection of whether this statement was made in response to a direct question by the interviewer or was volunteered by me than in the original statement.

**23. What information, if any, were you given regarding possible discomfort, pain or injury to the back or torso of PC Short? What history, if any, were you aware of, relating to such?**

There was no documentation of discomfort, pain or injury to the back or torso of PC Short and I have no recollection of this being mentioned.

#### CT Scan

**24. What equipment is used for a CT scan? Where does a CT scan take place in the hospital? What is the purpose of a CT scan and why was one given to PC Short?**

A CT scanner is used for a CT scan, it is in the radiology department. It gives detailed X-ray pictures. It was performed to exclude any evidence of brain injury or bony injury in PC Short.

**25. Did you see the results of this scan? What was your impression of the results?**

I did see the results of the scan which was normal.

**26. Please confirm the extent to which the CT scan confirmed or contradicted any aspects of the account, from any source, of what caused the patient's presenting complaint.**

A CT scan cannot confirm or contradict aspects of the account of the cause of the patient's presenting complaint in this case as it did not demonstrate any abnormality.

**Miscellaneous**

**27. Do you remember the interview in which you gave your PIRC statement? Please comment on the interview, the approach of the investigators and what questions and areas were covered.**

I recall the interview taking place. I'm afraid I cannot recall details regarding the investigators or their questions

**28. Are you still in contact with any of the doctors and nurses who treated this patient? Have you discussed this case with any of the doctors or nurses involved at any time?**

I am still in contact with some doctors and nurses who work in Victoria Hospital but I have not discussed this case with anyone.

**29. Have you read or seen anything about this case in the news or social media? Have you been influenced by anything you have seen or heard?**

I have seen news reports regarding this case. I have not been influenced by anything I have seen or heard.

**30. Please state the following in the final paragraph of your statement: - "I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that this statement may form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and be published on the Inquiry's website."**

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**31. Please sign and date your statement.**

*resigned*

*8/6/22*

*03/05/22*

