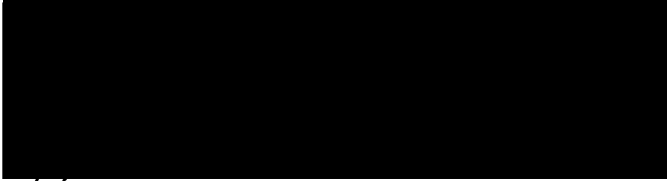


Witness Statement – Clostridium Difficile Inquiry

1. The General Manager Post (Pathology) was a product of the Review of Public Administration (RPA) and I was appointed as General Manager for the Laboratory in September 2007, following a formal and competitive interview. The General Manager post replaced a Laboratory Manager (Causeway) and a Laboratory Business Manager (Antrim). The Clinical Director (Pathology) post remained.
2. The Infection Control Team was, at the time, part of the laboratory structure but there was little change in the management of the Infection Control Team, post appointment. Clinicians remained in charge of clinical issues and to my knowledge the Senior Infection Control Nurse reported as before to the Infection Prevention/Control Doctor, based in Microbiology. As General Manager the Infection Control budget would have become my responsibility but no changes were made in this area.
3. In October 2008 the Senior Management Team for the Trust moved Infection Control out of the laboratory structure and into the Directorate for Emergency, Primary Care & Older People's Services.
4. I confirm that the contents of this witness statement are true.



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