

# **BROOK HOUSE INQUIRY**

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## **First Witness Statement of Nigel Thompson**

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. I have been authorised by the Care Quality Commission of Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4PA to provide this witness statement.

I, Nigel Thompson, will say as follows:

### **Professional Background**

1. I Nigel Thompson am employed as the Head of Inspections employed by the Care Quality Commission ('CQC'). I have been employed by CQC since 2009 as Head of Equalities Human Rights and Involvement, and as Head of Inspection for Children's Health and Justice from April 2015.
2. I have line management responsibility for the operational teams who monitor and inspect the quality of registered health provision at Brook House and at Immigration Removal Centres in England.

### **Response to Rule 9 request**

3. The Brook House Inquiry has asked CQC to address its questions which relate to a report entitled "The right to community equivalent healthcare in Immigration Removal Centres". Please see attached the CQC response document (exhibit 1) which is CQC's response to each of the questions asked by the Inquiry. This response document has been written collaboratively by CQC colleagues. I am familiar with the content of the response document and will be able to answer any questions on behalf of CQC which the Inquiry may have regarding its content if required.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I am content for this witness statement to form part of the evidence before the Brook House Inquiry and to be published on the Inquiry's website.

Name	Nigel Thompson
Signature	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Signature</b></div>
Date	16 March 2022

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### Exhibits to first witness statement of XXXX

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CQC response to the Brook House Inquiry's request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 25 February 2022.	14 March 2022