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IN THE LAMPARD INQUIRY

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
ELSPETH DEVANNEY, DIRECTOR OF NURSING & QUALITY**

I, **ELSPETH DEVANNEY**, Director of Nursing & Quality at Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, West Park Hospital, Edward Pease Way, Darlington, DL2 2TS ("the Trust") will say as follows:

1. I make this statement as Director of Nursing & Quality at the Trust, in response to an email dated 18 June 2026 from the Lampard Inquiry, which requested that I provide a Statement ahead of giving evidence before the Inquiry on the morning of 21 July 2026.
2. I am a registered Mental Health Nurse (RMN), qualifying in January 2002. I joined Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust ("TEWV") in January 2002 and I was appointed to the position of Director of Nursing & Quality at TEWV in March 2022.
3. Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust ("TEWV") is an NHS Foundation Trust which provides mental health, autism, learning disability and related services throughout County Durham and Darlington, Teesside, North Yorkshire, York and Selby.
4. As Director of Nursing & Quality for the entire Trust, I am a senior member of the Trust's leadership team responsible for clinical leadership, patient safety and governance across hospital and community settings.
5. I note the request from the Inquiry in February 2026, which sought information in respect of the Trust's implementation and use of the Oxehealth system on the wards.

The Statement of Beverley Murphy, Chief Nurse, dated 10 June 2026 sets out the Trust's response in relation to this request accompanied by 22 Exhibits.

6. I confirm that I am authorised to give evidence and be questioned on behalf of TEWV in relation to the matters addressed in the Statement of Mrs Murphy.
7. I further confirm that I have received a copy of Mrs Murphy's Statement dated 10 June 2026 along with the Exhibits referred to within her Statement. I adopt Mrs Murphy's Statement and Exhibits.

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:

Signed

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Elsbeth Devanney

Dated

22 June 2026