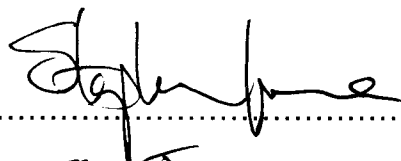


WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEPHEN LOVEGROVE

1. I am Stephen Lovegrove and I hold the post of Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Defence.
2. On foot of the commitment from Her Majesty's Government my predecessor as Permanent Secretary, Jon Thompson, tasked officials in my Department to assist the HIA Inquiry with its investigation into Kincora.
3. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed all the material that the Ministry of Defence has been able to find arising from the search terms provided by the HIA Inquiry.
4. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed that material in unredacted form.
5. I confirm that the Ministry of Defence has thereafter disclosed to the HIA Inquiry copies of all the material sought from the Ministry of Defence, which the HIA Inquiry wished to publish.
6. I confirm that the disclosed material has been provided to the HIA Inquiry by the Ministry of Defence with only those redactions considered appropriate by the HIA Inquiry.
7. I confirm that the Ministry of Defence has endeavoured to assist the work of the HIA Inquiry in any way it could.

SIGNED.....



DATED.....

18 January 2017