

BRI INQUIRY**Comments of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust on the
witness Statement of Dr Joffe
relating to Issues B****Issue B1(h)**

Counselling services have been available for any member of staff in this Trust certainly since 1991. This has been provided by specialist counsellors working as part of our Occupational Health Service. In addition to this service there has been specialist support for junior medical staff as well as an open and supportive approach from senior managers, Personnel staff, trade unions and professions within the Trust. The Trust has always recognised the need to provide support and advice to individual members of staff and has striven to ensure that the existence of services is well known.

Issue B10(ii)

The Inquiry has invited the Trust to comment on this paragraph. As it relates to events which took place under the Chief Executiveship of Dr John Roylance, the Trust respectfully suggests that it would be more appropriate if he were to be asked to comment, than for the current Trust Management to do so.

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