

Witness Name: Jacqueline Golding

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JACQUELINE GOLDING

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I, Jacqueline Golding will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Jacqueline Golding. My date of birth is [GRO-C] 1969 and I live at [GRO-C] Birmingham [GRO-C] I have two children aged 30 and 27.
2. I have two sisters, Caroline Carthy and Jennifer Golding, who were born [GRO-C] [GRO-C] 1965 and [GRO-C] 1970, respectively. We are the daughters of Graham and Patricia Golding who lived at [GRO-C] [GRO-C] Birmingham [GRO-C].
3. This impact statement is made in relation to my father who was born on the [GRO-C] [GRO-C] 1941 and he died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, at the age of 73.
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my father's full medical records.

## **Section 2. How Affected**

5. My father was diagnosed at birth with severe Haemophilia A. When Factor VIII was introduced, he was treated with it on demand as he only needed it for a bleed. He received treatment at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and was under the care of Dr Franklin in the 1970s, and Dr Wilde from the 1990s onwards.
6. In the summer of 1977, my father was diagnosed with Hepatitis B as the result of being treated with contaminated blood products. Fortunately, this was cured.
7. In or around 1998, my father attended his six-monthly routine clinic appointment for his haemophilia and was told he had been diagnosed with Hepatitis C (HCV) as the result of being treated with contaminated blood products.
8. My father died from cardiac and severe renal failure which I believe was attributable to his chronic HCV.

## **Section 3. Other Infections**

9. I am not aware of any other infections that my father contracted as a result of receiving contaminated blood products.

## **Section 4. Consent**

10. I believe that my father was tested without his knowledge and consent. His blood was routinely tested every 6 months, as far as we were concerned, these were routine blood tests that monitored his blood levels for inhibitors, haemoglobin etc. Prior to being informed of his infection, my father had no idea he was even being tested for HCV or HIV.

## Section 5. Impact

11. My father had always been a very social person, he enjoyed outings with the family and took an interest in all his grandchildren. My immediate family all lived in Birmingham and I live in the same road as where my parents lived, we were quite close as a family.
12. Following his diagnosis in 1998, when my children were 10 and 7, he became withdrawn and he did not want his grandchildren round him as much as before he was diagnosed. I do not know whether this was a consequence of his diagnosis or whether he was concerned that he could pass on his infection to others, he never spoke about it.
13. It was also upsetting to see my father treated differently by doctors and staff at hospital appointments although that really brought it home to me the meaning of HCV. When he once had a bleed at hospital he was treated like a leper.
14. My father was depressed as well, I believe the cause was seeing other GRO-C  
GRO-C suffering and dying as a result of being infected too; also he could see how he might end up.

## Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

15. I confirm that I do not wish have anonymity and that I understand the statement will be published and disclosed as part of the Inquiry.
16. I am willing to be called to give oral evidence if I can assist the Inquiry.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed... GRO-C .....

Dated... 28/1/2019 .....