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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No: WITN2956001

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry rules 2006 dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. I adopt the paragraph numbering in the Rule 9 request for ease of reference.

I, **GRO-B** will say as follows:

### 1. Introduction

1. My name is **GRO-B**. My date of birth is **GRO-B** and my address is known to the Inquiry. I am currently employed as an **GRO-B** and I also work part time for **GRO-B** as a **GRO-B**.

### 2. How Affected

1. My Father had Haemophilia A. He was infected with Hepatitis C and HIV through contaminated blood products. I only became aware of this earlier this year when I was told by my **GRO-B**. As such her statement will be able to provide more detail regarding my Father's infection.

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### 3. Other infections

1. My GRO-B statement will provide more detail regarding my Father's infection

### 4. Consent

1. I am unaware of whether my Father was treated or tested with his knowledge, consent or without being given adequate or full information.

### 5. Impact

1. My Father died on GRO-B when I was on GRO-B with my parents and my Sister in GRO-B I was only GRO-B at the time and so I do not have many memories of that time.
2. Growing up without a Father has been very hard. My uncle has always acted like the father in my life but it has never been quite the same.
3. I was a naughty child when I was younger. I don't think I was able to deal with my emotions properly after my Father passed away. I used to be quite angry and act out by breaking things. Thankfully I grew out of that behaviour.
4. There were a few comments made by children whilst I was in school. I remember on one occasion that one of the pupils told me "at least I've got a father" this was very difficult to hear and upset me at the time.
5. Things were never the same after my Dad passed away. It's the little things that I've missed throughout my life.
6. I'm a GRO-B and my mum has always taken me to see the GRO-B I feel like my Father should have been there to take me to my first game just like my friends Dads have done with them.

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7. My Father never got to see me grow up, he wasn't there to take me for my first drink when I turned 18 or to teach me how to drive just like other Dads have done with their sons.
8. My Father is always missed when we have large family gatherings. Christmas time is when he is especially missed.
9. Since my Father's passing I seem to get very upset seeing my [GRO-B] upset. I know this may be a normal thing but I find it really horrible seeing my Mum upset when she doesn't have a husband there to comfort her anymore.
10. I don't think I will ever get over my Father's death I feel as though I didn't get to spend nearly enough time with him. As I was only [GRO-B] at the time of his death my memories of him are quite vivid. People sometimes say to me that I look like my Dad and that really touches me.
11. My Dad always had knowledge of [GRO-B] through his job with [GRO-B] [GRO-B] and this is one of the reasons why I chose to look into being an [GRO-B]

### 6. Treatment/Care Support

1. I am unaware of any obstacles my Father faced in obtaining treatment, care and support. I have not received any treatment or support personally.

### 7. Financial Assistance

1. [GRO-B] statement for further details.

### 8. Other Issues

1. There are no other issues that I wish to discuss.

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**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed GRO-B .....

GRO-B

Dated 09/04/19 .....