

Witness Name: Edward Massey

Statement No.: WITN1929001

Exhibits: WITN1929002

Dated: 23 February 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF EDWARD MASSEY

Section 1. Introduction

1. I, Edward Albert Massey, will say as follows:
2. My date of birth is GRO-C 1945. My address is known to the Inquiry.
3. I live in GRO-C with my wife and am a semi-retired quantity surveyor.

Section 2. How Affected

4. I have haemophilia A of mild severity and was diagnosed at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1957 when I was 12 years old.

5. I received blood products, including plasma, Factor VIII and blood transfusions, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s for various in-patient procedures such as teeth extractions, a tonsillectomy, a car accident and an eye operation.
6. I received no information or advice before receiving these blood products and transfusions about the risk of being exposed to infection.
7. As a result of receiving blood products and blood transfusions I was infected with Hepatitis C. I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C in 2005 after a routine blood test ordered by my GP (WITN1929002). I was advised that I could be a risk to others.

Section 3. Other Infections

8. I do not believe I received any infection other than Hepatitis C as a result of being given infected blood products and infected blood.

Section 4. Consent

9. I do not know whether I have been treated or tested without my knowledge or consent, or for the purposes of research, however, I was very surprised that Manchester Royal Infirmary deemed it necessary to send for me for a test for HIV in 1985 without explanation and with no mention of Hepatitis C. At the time, I was not sure why they called me in, and was surprised to later find out it was for HIV testing. I can only surmise now that they had infected me with a contaminated blood product, but was never given any explanation at that time or since.

Section 5. Impact

10. The mental and physical effects of the infection have been devastating. Being diagnosed with the Hepatitis C virus made me feel unclean. I also

felt unable to interact with close family, especially my wife and grandchildren. I have suffered a loss of general confidence and I became very depressed. I am aware I have a cyst on my liver and chronic liver disease.

11. I have had no treatment for Hepatitis C nor have I ever been offered any.
12. As a result of my infected status I have been advised to make nurses, dentists and general medical persons aware of my Hepatitis C condition, this makes me feel very unclean and embarrassed.
13. As I was not in education and was self-employed, the virus did not directly impact as such, except the lesser ability to work as effectively.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

14. I was diagnosed in 2005 after a routine blood test and I believe this should have come to light much earlier. I was tested for HIV at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1985, at their request. They provided no explanation as to why they wanted to test me. If they suspected the blood and blood products I had received in the past were contaminated then they should have told me at the time, and recalled me as soon as it became possible to screen for Hepatitis C.
15. No treatment has ever been offered to me.
16. I have never had any counselling or psychological support offered to me.
17. Apparently my medical records were never forwarded to GRO-C when I moved in 1986. Therefore, after my initial diagnosis, I applied to Manchester Royal Infirmary for my records. At that time I was told that most had been destroyed and that they had experienced a flood in the

past. I also applied to Lancashire and South Cumbria Agency for my medical records and was informed they had also been destroyed.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

18. I have received no payment from any source in respect of my condition.

19. I applied to the Skipton Fund, but received no payments due to lack of effective records. I was not able to prove how long I had Hepatitis C.

Section 8. Other Issues

20. Whilst I have no ill feeling towards the medical staff who have treated me over the years, I do feel very aggrieved towards the people who felt it was acceptable to provide these contaminated products which were introduced into my body.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

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