

Witness Name: L Dodd
Statement No: WITN1193001
Exhibits: 0
Dated: January 2020

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF LESLIE DODD

I, Leslie Dodd will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Leslie Dodd and I was born on GRO-C 1930. I live at GRO-C
GRO-C Wirral, GRO-C I am retired and married to Maureen Dodd who has also provided a witness statement to the Inquiry under **WITN1743001**.
2. I make this statement as an affected father of my late darling son, Graeme Jonathan^a Dodd, who was born on GRO-C 1966 and passed away on GR
GRO-C 1993, aged only 27, as a result of contracting HIV after receiving contaminated Factor VIII concentrates.
3. **This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my late sons' medical records.**

Section 2. How Affected

4. I refer to my wife's statement.

Section 3. Other Infections

5. I refer to my wife's statement.

Section 4. Consent

6. I refer to my wife's statement.

Section 5. Impact

7. My wife prepared a very detailed impact statement which I agree with in full. However, I would like to add and reiterate the fact that our son Graeme was the most wonderful man and touched people's hearts absolutely everywhere he went.
8. He showed terrific courage and bravery and enjoyed all aspects of life despite the very heavy burden he carried.
9. Graeme educated his mother and I on how to cope with his death and reassured us that he would always be with us.
10. I am heartbroken at the unnecessary loss of my son and life has never been the same again.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

11. I refer to my wife's statement.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

12. I refer to my wife's statement.

Section 8. Other Issues

13. I want the truth and I want justice for our darling Graeme.

Anonymity

14. I do not want to apply for anonymity and regrettably my age and health would prevent me from travelling to the Inquiry to give oral evidence.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....

GRO-C

Dated..... 11/3/20