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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No: WITN2942002

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Dated: February 2020

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

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

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is **GRO-B** I was born on the **GRO-B** I live at **GRO-B** with my wife and three children. I am currently unemployed and my wife is my full-time carer.
2. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my full medical records. I have requested my medical records from **GRO-B** approximately 3 months ago and I have not yet received them.
3. I have also produced a 'First Witness Statement' '**WITN2942001**' in April 2019 for the Inquiry.

Section 2. How Infected

4. As stated in my first statement, I was diagnosed with severe Haemophilia A when I was about 3 years old. My younger brother was also diagnosed with Haemophilia A.

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5. As stated in my first statement, I was originally treated with Factor IX (FIX) blood products. When I attended Lord Mayor Treloar School in the early 1990s (at approximately GRO-B years old), I was treated with Factor VIII (FVIII). The FVIII was not effective, however despite that I was given the treatment for about a year and a half. Due to my inhibitors and the fact that FVIII didn't work I still required FIX. I was treated prophylactically and was injected with FVIII so much that my veins collapsed.
6. As stated in my first statement, as a result of receiving the above treatments I was infected with Hepatitis C (HCV). I was told that I was infected with HCV when I was about 10 years old.
7. In or about 2009, I was offered Interferon and Ribavirin to treat the HCV. After having the treatment for 6 months I was told that it wasn't working and I was taken off it.
8. In or about 2017 I was offered an alternative treatment which I believed at the time was called Harvoni. However, having recently received a letter from GRO-B it confirms that I completed a course of Zepatier for HCV and not Harvoni. As stated in my first statement, I cleared the HCV with this treatment. I did suffer some side-effects from this treatment such as tiredness, cold like symptoms and I didn't feel 'with it' all the time.
9. After I was told that I cleared the HCV, I was given 6 monthly appointments to monitor my Haemophilia and HCV. I believe I missed some of my appointments. During this time, I started to feel really tired and I was over sleeping. I also started to have a lot of hot and cold night sweats. When I attended my next appointment at the hospital I told the doctor about my symptoms that I was suffering and requested a HCV blood test.
10. Following the blood test, I received a telephone call in December 2019 and spoke to a nurse. She confirmed that I tested positive for HCV and asked me to come into the hospital to discuss it further. She told me to have another blood test to include HCV viral load, genotype and resistance testing. I told the nurse that I was very keen to start the treatment again. However, the

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nurse advised me to wait until I had another blood test before starting treatment. Later that month I received a letter, which I exhibit at 'WITN2942003', which confirms that I tested positive for HCV with a viral load of 63 IU/ml.

11. However, approximately a week later, after my second blood test, I got a phone call from the hospital and the nurse told me that the HCV was not detectable. The nurse told me that she was really confused with the results as she has not come across two results being different in a short period of time. I am waiting for the hospital to book another blood test for me.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

12. As stated above, because I started suffering from HCV symptoms I requested a blood test for it. I was devastated when I found out that the HCV had come back, because I was told that once I cleared it, I was clear and that was it. I was told by the nurse that if my next blood test result comes back positive, I will have to start treatment straight away.

13. I am still currently suffering from the above symptoms.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

14. I wish to remain anonymous.

15. I do not wish to give oral evidence at the inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-B

Dated 10/02/2020