

Witness Name: I P Muldoon

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Exhibits: WITN3381002-3

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF IAN PAUL MULDOON

I, IAN PAUL MULDOON will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Ian Paul Muldoon and I live at [GRO-C]
[GRO-C] Merseyside, [GRO-C] I was born on [GRO-C] 1976. I am currently working full time as well as looking after my widowed mother who is suffering from [GRO-C].
2. I make this statement as an affected son of my late father, Gerald Muldoon, who was born on [GRO-C] 1949 and passed away aged only 51 on [GRO-C] [GRO-C] 2000 from Carcinoma of the Liver.
3. My father contracted HTLV III (HIV) and Hepatitis C via contaminated Factor VIII concentrates.
4. **This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my late father's full medical records.** I have applied for the UK National Haemophilia Database Records pertaining to my later father; however I still await the same.

Section 2. How Affected

5. My father received Factor VIII concentrates from the late 1970s up until his death in 2000.
6. He was treated at the Royal Liverpool Hospital under Consultant Haematologist Dr J. M. Davies from the late 1970s up until his death in 2000.
7. Before the start of my father's treatment and throughout no advice or information was given to him regarding the risk of infection from Factor VIII concentrates. My father was therefore treated for his Haemophilia without being in possession of the facts that he required in order to make an informed decision about his treatment.
8. On 1st July 1986 my father received a letter stating that he had been infected with HTLV III. The letter stated *"We now have your final HTLV 3 results from Manchester and unfortunately they are positive. They do add the rider that we should repeat this test when we next see you but I think you should now assume that you are HTLV positive and take the precautions which we discussed the last time we met. I am sorry that this is not good news, if you do want to discuss this further then of course I will see you in the department anytime"*. I attach a copy of this letter as **Exhibit WITN3381002**.
9. My father was not given any information or guidance to enable him how to understand and manage his HIV infection.
10. I believe that my father and his family should have been provided with information prior to being sent this letter because he had been receiving treatment with the same consultant since the late 1970s.
11. The only information which my father was given regarding his HIV infection was stated in the above letter which was about taking precautions to prevent the risk of infection to others.

12. I am unaware as to when or how my father was told about his Hepatitis C infection.

13. The only other document I have in my possession is **Exhibit WITN3381003** which is letter dated 6th February 1997 from the Haematology Secretary at The Royal Liverpool Hospital to my father, confirming a forthcoming appointment at the Haematology Clinic.

Section 3. Other Infections

14. I have no evidence that my father was exposed to any other infections such as vCJD.

Section 4. Consent

15. I believe that my father was tested for various viruses without his knowledge and consent.

Section 5. Impact

16. My father's infection which led to his death at such a young age had a profoundly negative effect on both my mental and physical wellbeing.

17. I needed my father's guidance and advice because I was only a young man. This caused me to lose confidence in myself as well as upsetting both my eating and sleeping habits.

18. The effect upon my mother was excruciating and up to today she still has not recovered from her husband's death. This has since left her with the diagnosis of GRO-C

19. Both my mother's and my private and social lives have been affected not only because he was a loving father and husband but the stigma which came with his infection had a massive impact on our lives in social circles.

20. My father had to give up work through ill health and lost all confidence in himself resulting in him being isolated apart from having his home and very close family as his haven. Due to being out of work our family suffered with everyday financial stresses and concerns which did not help any of our physiological states.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

21. My father received no support from outside agencies, only from his close family.

22. No counselling has ever been offered to my mother or I regarding my father's diagnoses and subsequent death.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

23. My father received SSP before finishing work. When he had finished work he received his pension.

24. I am unable to provide any other information regarding payments to my father before his death.

25. Since my father's death my mother received payments from the Macfarlane (MFT) and the Skipton Fund.

Section 8. Other Issues

26. I want this Inquiry to find out why and how this tragedy happened and I want assurances that no such tragedy will ever happen again.

27. I want justification and answers from the NHS Trust which administered the contaminated Factor VIII concentrates to my father which led to his death.

28. I want compensation for my mother and I for the loss and suffering we went through following the death of my father.

Anonymity

29. I do not want to be anonymous and I do wish to give oral evidence to the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

GRO-C

Signed.....

Dated..... 13 . 6 . 19