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Witness Name: GRO-B

Statement No: WITN2436001

Dated: 15th March 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF GRO-B

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 12th December 2018. 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 My
address is GRO-B

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2. I have been asked to write a statement about my mother's infection of Hepatitis C. Her name is **GRO-B: M** and she was born on the **GRO-B**. She was given multiple blood transfusions due to a condition called Hereditary Haemorrhagic Telangiectasia between **GRO-B**.

2. How Infected

1. My mother's condition caused her to have heavy nosebleeds, heavy periods and internal bleeding. This meant she was frequently admitted to **GRO-B** **GRO-B** for blood transfusions and iron injections for anaemia. I suffer with the same condition and it was when I was at the **GRO-B** for a suspected bleeding ulcer in my stomach, that I was diagnosed by **GRO-B** **GRO-B** and underwent a selective vagotomy. I learned my mother had contracted hepatitis C through contaminated blood products, approx. **GRO-B** and subsequently died in **GRO-B** as a result of this infection.
2. Hepatitis C was unspecified at the time of my mother's death, so the medical profession did not know this was the cause of her death and did not know her blood was infected.
3. My mother suffered terrible sickness and often vomiting and became critically ill in **GRO-B**. She went into a coma and I was told she wouldn't be coming home from **GRO-B**. My mother did come out of the coma for three days but then slipped back into another one. She passed away on **GRO-B**.

3. Other Infections

1. There are no other known infections.

4. Consent

1. I am not sure if my mother was asked for consent or whether any risks were discussed with her prior to any transfusion.

5. Impact

1. When my mother became ill, she suffered from several bouts of depression, extreme tiredness and was unable to do anything through lack of energy. Her social life was very limited and as I was her only child, she depended on me to care for her everyday needs. I lived with my mother through all of the worst part of her life.
2. On a routine ward round at the GRO-B in or around the GRO-B I recall hearing a student doctor say something about hepatitis C to the Consultant. I asked my GP if he thought my mother might have had this infected blood and he confirmed she did have it but did not know when or where. I believe it would have been between GRO-B
3. It has always played on my mind as I feel her life was taken away from her.

6. Treatment/Care/Support

1. At the time of my mother's death the hepatitis C infection wasn't heard of.

7. Financial Assistance

1. No financial assistance was received.

8. Other Issues

1. I do not have any comment to make in this section.

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Statement of Truth

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

Signed.

GRO-B

Dated.

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