

Witness Name: ANNE CAYZER

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN WITNESS STATEMENT OF ANNE CAYZER

I, Anne Cayzer, will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Anne Cayzer. I was born on GRO-C 1944 and I live at GRO-C
GRO-C Lancashire GRO-C
2. My husband, Stephen Edward Cazyer (born on GRO-C 1953), was co-infected with the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through contaminated blood products. He died on 31st January 1991, aged 37.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to Stephen's full medical records.
4. My son, Kelvin, and stepson, Sean have also provided Witness Statements to the Inquiry (WITN4714001 and WITN4715001 respectively).

Section 2. How affected

5. Stephen had severe Haemophilia A, diagnosed at birth or a very early age. He was treated with Cryoprecipitate initially and then Factor VIII (FVIII) concentrate which he used on a prophylaxis basis at home. Stephen was under the care of Dr Delamore and Dr Wensley initially and then under Dr Charles Hay at the Manchester Royal Infirmary before transferring to the Liverpool Haemophilia Centre at the Royal Liverpool Hospital when Dr Hay transferred there as Director.
6. We got together in 1979 and married in 1983. Our son, Kelvin, was born in GRO-C 1980. I had two daughters of my own prior to meeting Stephen and Stephen had a son, Sean. Over time, I became Stephen's carer because of the extent of his joint damage.
7. Since first meeting, Stephen told me that he had been infected with hepatitis and had cleared the virus before we got together. He told me that he would be dead before he was 40 and he was. I do not know where the information had come from, whether it was just his opinion or that he had been told this by a doctor, but it was ingrained in him.
8. I was not fully aware that Stephen had HCV until after his death. Throughout his life, Stephen tried to hide his pain and put a brave face on for the children. It was hard for him, trying to be the father he wanted to be. The children would run into his arms to embrace him and he would wince in pain, but he never stopped them doing it. He didn't share much information with me, not even after he received the letter (exhibited to Sean's Statement) alerting haemophiliacs about the HIV risk. It was only after Sean had watched 'In Cold Blood' that it dawned on us that HCV probably contributed to Stephen's death. It was a massive eye opener for us all.

9. Stephen died suddenly and unexpectedly at the Liverpool Royal Hospital. We were told that the cause of death might have been Legionnaires Disease or viral Pneumonia and that there would be a post-mortem. I later received a phone call advising me that the post-mortem would not happen. I was not given an explanation and I did not pursue it. My mind was all over the place.

Section 3. Other Infections

10. I am not aware of any other infection.

Section 4. Consent

11. I am unable to comment on the issue of consent.

Section 5. Impact

12. Stephen was a social butterfly and he loved to make people laugh. He was at his best in a group of people having a good time.
13. Stephen started having epileptic fits not long before he died. He had an MRI in or around October/November 1990. There were clots on his brain. I was always under the impression that Stephen died of pneumonia.
14. I now feel that I have been lied to. I feel frustrated that I put my faith in the doctors who were supposed to be helping Stephen. Instead of helping him, Stephen was infected with the products supplied to him by his Haemophilia Centre. I was left widowed with three young children. It is disgusting what has been done and someone needs to be held accountable.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

15. Stephen was corresponding with a haemophiliac friend about their treatment options. We were not offered any counselling and/or support after Stephen's death.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

16. I struggled after Stephen's death. I worked in a chicken factory initially and then became a lollypop lady at a school. I did not know the origin of the infection to enable me to apply to any scheme or fund. I was not informed of any scheme or fund by the Haemophilia Centre.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

17. I confirm that I do not wish to apply for anonymity and I understand this statement will be published and disclosed as part of the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Signed...

GRO-C

Anne Cayzer

Dated:

30.11.

2020