

Witness Name: SEAN CAYZER

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN WITNESS STATEMENT OF SEAN CAYZER

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I, Sean Cayzer, will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Sean Cayzer. I was born on GRO-C 1978 and I live at GRO-C  
GRO-C Lancashire GRO-C
2. My father, Stephen Edward cayzer (born on GRO-C 1953), was co-infected with the Hepatitis B Virus and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through contaminated blood products. He died on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1991, aged 37.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my father's full medical records.

## **Section 2. How affected**

4. My father (Dad) had severe Haemophilia A. He was treated with Factor VIII (FVIII) concentrate self-administered at home and went into hospital quite a bit too. Dad 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.
5. My Dad was infected with HBV some time before I was born. Because of it and whilst pregnant with me, my mother was told that she needed a jab with the HBV vaccine. My parents split up and my father formed a relationship with Anne (soon then to become my stepmother) the following year. My (half) brother, Kelvin, was born in GRO-C 1980.
6. From the age of 5, I spent a lot of time on weekends and holidays with my Dad, Anne, Anne's two daughters (my stepsisters) and Kelvin and formed a close bond with them.
7. I refer to Exhibit WITN4715002 being a letter to Dad dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1988. It is clear from the letter that the Haemophilia Directors were aware then of a huge safety issue in relation to the FVIII treatment being used.
8. I do not know when my Dad was informed that he had was infected with HCV (or Non-A Non-B Hepatitis as it was then known). My Dad was a very private person and could be quite secretive. He always hid from us the pain he was in from the haemophilia bleeds in his joints and made light of it. He was a bit of a comic and could pass things off with a joke. I remember that if he cut himself, he wouldn't let us near him and insist on doing the plaster himself. There is reference in Dad's diary to him being part of a treatment trial in the August before his death. Dad started having epileptic fits and clots to the brain were found when he had an MRI.

9. I was just 12 when Dad unexpectedly died in the Royal Liverpool Hospital. They were talking about performing a post mortem but Dr Hay disagreed and blocked it. Viral pneumonia was named as the main cause of death on Dad's Death Certificate.

### **Section 3. Other Infections**

10. My Dad [GRO-C] tested for HIV. [GRO-C]  
My Dad said he [GRO-C] had a negative test but, in retrospect, I wonder if he was hiding something.

### **Section 4. Consent**

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

### **Section 5. Impact**

12. Dad wasn't able to work. He was a drummer when he was younger/in the 1970s before the pain in his joints put a stop to it. He was a comic. He was a good comedian and always made us laugh. My Dad appeared to know more than he was prepared to share with us in relation to his health. I would come down for a drink in the middle of the night and he would be awake and crying.
13. On or around my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, he gave me the family sash, an heirloom passed down the family to the oldest son. He said 'I am giving this to you now son because I am dying'. The statement was out of character given his usual joviality. He knew something was seriously wrong. He then became very down. He became quite grumpy. I would just go away and play with Kelvin. I did not know then what was in his head but he was clearly deeply

psychologically affected, worrying about his death and leaving us behind. Towards the end, he was always hugging me and crying.

14. I went off the rails after Dad died. I resented my stepfather and became aggressive with him when he moved in with my mother. I had been doing quite well at school but that all went downhill. It wasn't until I was 15 or 16 years old that I was even prepared to accept my father had gone and be more accepting of my stepfather.

15. I am married with two sons and two daughters. They did not get a chance to know their grandad. I have bad days even now and want justice and answers for those affected by this.

#### **Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support**

16. We were not offered any counselling and/or support.

#### **Section 7. Financial Assistance**

17. The family struggled to pay for my Dad's funeral and we all helped out. The Haemophilia Society contributed £1,000 towards the cost of the funeral and that is all the financial assistance any of us have had.

#### **Anonymity, disclosure and redaction**

18. 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**  
Sean Cayzer

Dated: 13/11 2020