

Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No.: WITN2668002

Exhibits: **none**

Dated: 15th July 2021

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

I provide this supplementary statement following my first written statement which was provided in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 5th November 2018, to provide further information which may be relevant to the Inquiry.

1. Throughout my first statement, I state that the transfusion that led to my infection occurred when I was fifteen years old. This is incorrect. I was thirteen years old when I received the transfusion.
2. Paragraph 2 of my first statement states that I could not remember how I had lost the blood from my bowels that led to me requiring a blood transfusion. I have since remembered more details of this injury and my treatment for the injury at St Thomas' Hospital. At age thirteen, around April of 1985, I collided with a car while riding my bike in **GRO-B**, London. I was staying with my sister **GRO-B** at the time and she and I were then taken by ambulance to St Thomas' Hospital. I remember being rushed into the hospital on a trolley, looking up at all the doctors and crying **GRO-B** told me everything was going to be okay. I remember having cuts, grazes, swelling on my knee, there being blood coming from my underwear and having very low blood pressure.

3. Paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 of my first written statement state that I contracted pneumonia following my transfusion. I now know that I contracted pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) three years after my transfusion, sometime in August 1988. So it would have been in August 1988 that I was taken to Charing Cross Hospital in relation to PCP and diagnosed with HIV.
4. Paragraph 3 of my first written statement discusses my HIV diagnosis. Since then I have remembered further details of my HIV diagnosis. I remember when I received my diagnosis, the doctor gave me around two years to live. I remember this being a very scary thing to hear at such a young age.
5. Paragraph 7 of my first written statement states that I found out about my HIV infection in August 1986. This is incorrect. I found out about my HIV infection in August 1988.
6. Paragraph 10 of my first written statement states that Dr GRO-D spoke to me and my mother at Charing Cross Hospital. This is incorrect. It was Dr GRO-D GRO-D that spoke to me and my mother at Charing Cross Hospital.

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

Signed **GRO-B**

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