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Haemophiliac's wife loses job after complaint

Woman in AIDS sacking shock

THE wife of an AIDS virus carrier was sacked after just one day in her new job at a **GRO-D** — because frightened staff believe she is a health hazard.

Mrs Sandra Evans, 22, whose husband Jonathan, 25, is a haemophiliac and the victim of contaminated blood plasma, had admitted to them that he was AIDS anti-body positive. "I told them he did not have AIDS and that I was not infected in any way. But the staff complained to the boss, and the next day I was asked to leave," she said from her home at **GRO-C**.

"I was shocked and very upset. I have been told by doctors that I am no risk to anyone. I was taken on as a part-time cleaner. I wasn't even going to handle the food.

"I feel so humiliated. No-one has reacted in this way

EXCLUSIVE by Sue Robinson

before. I gave up full-time work as a kennel maid at Birmingham dogs home to take up this job.

"My husband is disabled because of his haemophilia and I wanted to spend more time looking after him. Everyone knew about the situation at my old job, and they were great about it."

Mr Evans, who had to give up work last year, added: "I feel as though all this is my fault and that I should have a bell round my neck, ringing it wherever I go, even though I haven't got AIDS.

"And there is nothing at all wrong with Sandra — yet she has been victimised in this way."

Owner's view

But Mr **GRO-D**, owner of the **GRO-D** in **GRO-D** defended his decision, saying there was always the chance that Mrs Evans could become infected with AIDS in the future.

"I know at the moment the disease is dormant in her husband, but he could contract it at any time and pass it on to her."

He said his staff were understandably worried about the situation and the possibility that the disease could be spread by blood if Mrs Evans accidentally cut herself while washing up.

"We have food around, and I feel this is the wrong sort of place for Mrs Evans to work. It could have been a real hazard."

And he said customers discovering an AIDS connection

would have been very shocked by the situation, resulting in untold damage to trade.

"If I had thought there was no chance of Mrs Evans ever getting AIDS, then I wouldn't have dismissed her. In the circumstances I feel I had no choice but to ask her to go."

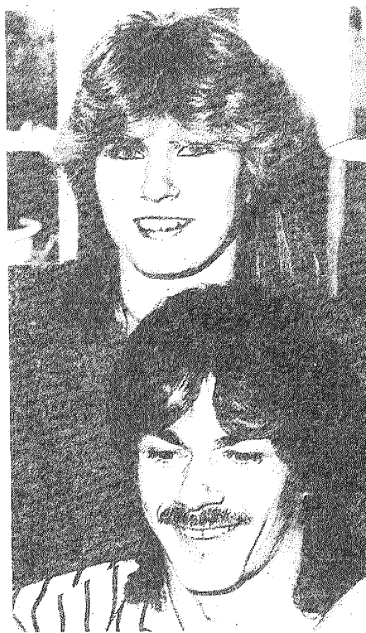
He said a recent circular from the Master Bakers' Association had pointed out that someone employed for over two years could not by law be sacked even if they contracted AIDS.

"If I had kept Mrs Evans on

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SMILES HIDE SADNESS

• Right: Sadness behind the smiles ... Sandra Evans and her haemophiliac husband Jonathan. She feels humiliated; he feels it's all his fault.



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AIDS shock

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I may have found myself in that
situation in future years."

Consultant physician and
director of the Oxford
Haemophilia Centre, Dr
Charles Rizza, who is treating
Mr Evans, said the public were
still very ignorant of the facts
concerning AIDS.

"It is a great pity that Mrs
Evans has lost her job. The
public are proving very hard to
educate. The fact is you can't
get AIDS except from sexual
contact or contaminated blood
injected into the body.

"I'm afraid many people are
suffering more from public
opinion caused by fear of the
unknown, than they are from
AIDS.

"I can understand this
baker's point of view, but it
really is a great shame for Mr
and Mrs Evans.

"It is not those who are
honest and who collaborate
with you who are a risk to so-
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conditions, such as hepatitis for
instance, who bring risk.

"Mrs Evans could be a lot
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