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Witness Name: GRO-B

Statement No: GRO-B

Exhibits: 0

Dated: March 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN WITNESS STATEMENT OF GRO-B

GRO-B will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is GRO-B. My date of birth is GRO-B so I am GRO-B years old and single, I have never married. I live alone in rented accommodation at GRO-B and I GRO-B GRO-B GRO-B

Section 2. How infected

2. My father, GRO-B: Father, was born on GRO-B. He was infected with HIV as a result of receiving blood products and he died on GRO-B I was GRO-B when he died.
3. I do not know the nature of the bleeding disorder my father had or what kind of blood products he received and I am not sure when my father was infected with HIV but I believe the result of the positive test was in 1984.

Section 3. Other Infections

4. I am not aware of any other infections my father may have had.

Section 4. Consent

5. I am not aware whether he was treated or tested without his knowledge or consent.
6. Further I am unsure whether my father had any tests specifically for the purposes of research, or without being given adequate or full information.

Section 5. Impact

7. My mother, **GRO-B: M** was born on **GRO-B** and she too died on the **GRO-B** as a result of being infected with HIV by my father. I was **GRO-B** years old when she died.
8. I feel I have repressed a lot since my parents died. I do not remember my father, but I remember my mother taking me to scatter my father's ashes when I was about **GRO-B**
9. I have received counselling most of my life as a result of losing my parents. I started counselling at about the age of **GRO-B** used to go and see someone three times a week and was taken out of school in order to receive the counselling sessions. I do not know whether the counselling was helpful.
10. Family life was negatively affected by my father's death. Also my mother was very ill and was looking after two children, it was very difficult for her.
11. After my mother died, I lived with my **GRO-B** until I was 14 years old. I have no family on my father's side. My **GRO-B** I am

still in contact with her. At [GRO-B] Since I was a child I have lived in the same area.

12. My education was affected as well. I moved to different schools several times as I did not fit in anywhere. In particular, I attended six different secondary schools although I did achieve 'A' Levels [GRO-B] I also went to University to study [GRO-B] but I did not finish the course.

13. I have done a number of different things over the years, including playing a lot of [GRO-B] during my 20's. I would consider myself [GRO-B] I started in the [GRO-B] company a couple of years ago while I try and decide where I go with my life.

14. A couple of years ago I was hospitalised as a day patient in Nightingale Hospital in London for about a month due to the anxiety I was suffering.

15. I am currently seeing a therapist but I have not seen her for a couple of months, I am suffering from anxiety and I need to go back to see her again.

16. Losing my parents at a very young age has had an adverse effect on my life. I have suffered from a number of addictions. If people ask me how my parents died, I do tell them.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

17. I am not aware of any treatment, care or support that my father received as a result of being infectedd with HIV.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

18. I remember receiving some financial assistance after my father died, but I am not aware of where it came from. I am not certain about how much money I received.

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I think it was a very low five-figure sum say about GRO-B I was GRO-B years old when I received the payment.

Section 8. Other Issues

19. Overall, I have suffered a lot from anxiety and addiction. I constantly feel I have to be on the move and it was chaos when I moved around a lot when I was younger.

20. A lot of feelings I try to repress, I hide them deep down, which is very unhealthy.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

21. I confirm that I wish to have anonymity and that I understand this statement will be published and disclosed as part of the Inquiry.

22. I do wish to be called to give oral evidence.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....

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Dated 21 March 2019
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