

Witness Name: Robert Kelsey

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ROBERT KELSEY

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I, Robert Kelsey, will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Robert Kelsey. I was born on GRO-C 1978 and I live at GRO-C  
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2. My brother, Andrew (Andy) Jonathan Henry William Moy (born on GRO-C 1965), was co-infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through contaminated Factor VIII (FVIII) blood products. His health deteriorated, advancing to AIDS Related Syndrome (ARC) and he died on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1998, aged GRO-C
3. **This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to Andy's full medical records.**

## **Section 2. How Affected**

4. Andy had severe Haemophilia A. from birth and he was treated at the Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.
5. I do not believe Andy and/or his parents were warned of any risk of infection from FVIII concentrate.

## **Section 3. Other Infections**

6. I am not aware of any infections other than HBV, HCV and HIV.

## **Section 4. Consent**

7. I believe it likely that Andy was treated and tested without full and informed consent.

## **Section 5. Impact of the Infection**

8. Andy was one of 10 siblings from a blended family to include me (with the family as a long term foster placement).
9. I came into Andy's life at the age of 11 as I was taken in by the amazing Moy family in 1989. It wasn't long after meeting Andy and the other members of the Moy family that I realised what an amazing family I was going to grow up with, with strong and upstanding role models.
10. At the time that I joined the Moy family, Andy was a grown man and had already left the family home, yet he was a constant feature in our lives as he had a close bond with his family and also worked with his father, John Moy. I knew straight away that he was a spirited and thoughtful man, smiling, cracking jokes, showing great generosity and love to his siblings including me.

11. The first year I did not really see much of Andy as he was busy working and spending quality time with his partner (soon to be wife) Tina, building a new house in GRO-C and always seeming to be helping someone.
  
12. A big memory was when Andy offered to take our sisters Emily and Amy to the cinema in Peterborough along with taking them to Toys'R'Us. He did not have to take me, but he wanted to. This was going to be my first ever experience at the cinema, seeing Home Alone. I was super excited, so thrilled that Andy wished to take me along as one of his younger siblings. We went to Toys'R'Us (my sisters still take the mickey out of me as I called it Toss'r'us, (tongue tied)). I have to say that even to this day, this has been one of my favourite memories of Andy and of my childhood with the Moy family.
  
13. Another great memory of Andy was he took me to see my very first football match, Cambridge v Tottenham, a pre-season friendly. We were in the Cambridge supporters' stand, but there was only one team Andy was supporting, Tottenham Hotspur. 0-3 to Spurs. He then took me to see my boyhood team Manchester United at the Abbey v Cambridge. What a game; 1-1.
  
14. Andy had a great love of football and especially Tottenham.
  
15. Andy took me to see another game, this time Tottenham v Manchester City at White Hart Lane on 13th January 1996. I was in dreamland, going to my very first Premiership Football game (I still have the game ticket along with the Cambridge v Tottenham and Manchester United. So precious of a memory with Andy that I will never lose them). Again, Andy did not have to take me, but he wanted to share his love of football (Tottenham) with me. I was in awe of Andy. This man, a big brother to me, supportive, caring, treating me as he would his true younger sibling. When we arrived, I remember Andy asking if I would like him to put on a cheeky bet. I was so grateful for everything he already had done I could not accept. Andy put on his bet for Chris Armstrong to score the winner. We got to our seats near to the corner flag, only a corridor between us and Manchester City supporters. I can remember as

clear as day the excitement from Andy. The game was going well but still 0-0 at half time. Teddy Sheringham, Sol Campbell. What a team. Suddenly the ball comes in and Armstrong rises, and Tottenham are 1-0 up in the 66th minute. Andy's going berserk. He's only gone and won a couple hundred quid if the score stays the same. For the next 24 minutes Andy looks like he does not know if he wants Tottenham to score again or not. The game finished 1-0 and he came away with a wedge that easily covered his expenditure although I know Andy would not have cared about the money, just that we had a great day out.

16. I looked up to Andy as a big brother. He took me under his wing and was always there if I needed someone to talk to. He was always at the end of the phone. If I needed his help, guidance or even for him to take me somewhere if he could he would. By way of example, I once went home with what turned out to be a hairline fracture to my sternum after play fighting with a friend on a train. When I told my Mum (Julie Moy) that my chest was painful, she said 'Why don't you call Andy?' Andy was round in less than 20 minutes to take me to hospital.

17. I remember the first time I learnt about Andy having HIV. It was a huge shock, learning that my brother had an incurable disease. This was extremely hard to take on board. But now, knowing the strength that Andy had shown over the years, living his life to the full but, more importantly, he was often helping someone else rather than doing things for himself. He was an amazing, selfless man. It gave me the strength to believe that everything will be ok.

18. Over the next couple of years Andy started to look very frail and weak at times. He was always a slight looking guy which, I can now say, was probably down to having HIV and constantly fighting this horrific life-depleting disease. I can remember helping Andy in the summer 1997. He was laying concrete slabs in his mother in law's garden in GRO-C. He was struggling but was absolutely determined to complete the project. I, a young man 18

soon to be 19, was tired and so how Andy continued was beyond me. This was just another example of how Andy lived his life.

19. In late 1997 I left the Moy family as a stubborn lazy teenager. Mum had had enough of me lying into late mornings every day after I had dropped out of college. I had taken what she had said completely out of context and left to find a new job and a place to stay. To say I had didn't come home for a couple of months. I was working hard as this had rubbed off on me from the work ethic of Andy, John Moy and Julie Moy as well as my other older siblings from my Foster family. Everything was a struggle but I could only think that others especially Andy were in a much worse place than me although Andy always looked on the bright side and never wanted you to mope.

20. I was working at Plumb Centre in Cambridge when I got the call to tell me that Andy had passed after a long fight. This took me by complete surprise in how it affected me. I was distraught. Why was Andy, a great soul, taken from us all at such a young age? I had to go home as I could not keep myself in check. My mind then could not stop. Why had I become who I am when I have had such amazing role models such as Andy? After a couple of weeks and after the funeral I took stock and decided that I was going to live my life to its fullest. I worked hard, got promoted, head hunted for a trade counter salesman as well as working at the Royal Mail and Shell Forecourt. I was working hard so I could enjoy myself to the fullest (just how Andy would). I then went traveling in Europe and ended back in England and met my now wife. We have been together nearly 19 years, married 14 and have 2 amazing children.

21. I think of Andy and hope that he would be proud of who I have become. I am certainly proud and honoured to have had the privilege of knowing Andy. I often wonder what he would be doing now if he was still alive. I am pretty sure he would still be a central part of my life along with my family and the Moy Family. There still a hole that will never be filled, his life taken from us and all out of Andy's control. Love you Andy.

**Section 6. Treatment/care/support**

22. I do not think Andy was able to obtain the treatment he needed because of the strain of HIV that he had. I do not know whether Andy was offered counselling and support.

**Section 7. Financial Assistance**

23. I do not know what financial support Andy had from the trusts and funds.

**Section 8. Other Issues**

24. There are no other issues.

**Anonymity**

25. I do not wish to remain anonymous.

26. I do not want to give oral evidence to the Inquiry.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed..... GRO-C .....

Dated..... 27/03/20 .....