

Witness Name: DANIEL COLIN MARSHALL

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DANIEL COLIN MARSHALL

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I, DANIEL COLIN MARSHALL will say as follows:-

#### **Section 1. Introduction**

1. My name is Daniel Colin Marshall. I was born on GRO-C 1982 and I live at GRO-C West Yorkshire GRO-C.
2. My father, David William Marshall (born on GRO-C 1946), was infected with the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) from contaminated blood products. He died from liver cancer on 27th September 2004, aged 58.
3. My mother has given her own Witness Statement to the Inquiry GRO-B GRO-B).
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my father's medical records.

#### **Section 2. How Affected**

5. My father had mild Haemophilia A.

6. My father was treated at the Leeds Haemophilia Centre at the St James University Hospital, initially under the care of Dr Swinburne and Dr Bernard and, latterly, Dr McVerry.
7. My father was admitted to hospital for a routine hernia operation in May 1983. About a week after discharge from hospital he became unwell with 'hepatitis' (possibly A) and was told in June 1983 that the strain was Non A, Non B (NANB). I refer to **Exhibit WITN2775002** being a copy of my father's UKHCDO Patient Records, stating 'Oxford FVIII' as the Factor VIII (FVIII) treatment product brand used in 1983. My parents were told that NANB was similar to A and once my father was clear of looking yellow, there wouldn't be 'any further problems' in relation to my father's health.
8. I do not believe that my father had any advice in relation to risk of infection before having FVIII treatment. My father was unaware of any issue of concern until in or around October 1995 when he received a letter stating that the NANB my father had contracted in 1983 was in fact HCV and to seek a hospital appointment as soon as possible.

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

9. I am not aware of any other infections beside HCV.

### **Section 4. Consent**

10. I do not know whether or not my father was treated or tested without his consent.

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

11. I remember my father having Interferon clearing treatment. I would have been 15 or 16 years old at the time. He had to inject the Interferon into his stomach, at different points so as not to become too sore in one place. The treatment made him very grumpy. He was very moody and not nice to be

around. He would stay up quite late at night and rise at around 10 or 11 am the next morning. When we heard him get up and go into the bathroom to freshen up, my younger brother and I would leave the house and return some time in the afternoon when his injection would be out of the way and he might be in a better mood.

12. My father was a private person and did not complain much about his health. I believe that there were side effects to the treatment he had to endure. He did not discuss the side effects with me and my brother. He kept them to himself, as did he all his health related issues. My father was often tired and fatigued and sometimes distracted.

13. My father loved football. There was nothing he liked better than a discussion about football. I recall an occasion upon which I was talking to him about football and he completely lost interest in what I was saying. It was like someone had flicked a switch and turned him off. He wasn't right. My father had a lot to worry about to include having advanced cirrhosis. Because my brother and I were protected by our parents, we did not know the seriousness of my father's condition.

14. My father did not know that he had liver cancer and neither did we until after my father was admitted to hospital at the end of August 2004. My father was often in and out of hospital and had only relatively recently been discharged. We were not unduly concerned until my mother returned from the hospital with my Auntie. My mother was in floods of tears and we knew straight away that it was not good. She said that my father had cancer and that there was nothing they could do for him. It was devastating. My father never came home.

15. My father was in a lot of pain, but he never complained. He was on so much morphine at one time that he was seeing pink elephants and it had to be reduced. I was 22 years old. I would sit by his bed and it was hard for me to know what to talk to him about and I remember him telling me 'to get off as there was no point in me sitting around'. My mother has since told me that he

was struggling with the pain and probably in even more pain than he told her. He had a high pain threshold. We will never know what he was going through psychologically either.

16. My father was a home loving man and rarely strayed far from home. We never went abroad. We had day trips to the seaside instead. He was a child at heart. He loved Christmas. He loved films, particularly cartoons. He was a huge film fan. My father spent his last birthday in hospital.

17. I bought him Lord of the Rings, the Two Towers (the extended edition) and he said that we would watch the film together. We never did. Shortly after his birthday, he was transferred to St Gemma's Hospice in Leeds.

18. The last days of my father's life were very hard. He was always strong and stoic by nature and did not get upset in front of us but he became agitated and struggled with his emotions at that time. I cried and told him that I loved him and he said "I know". My father had terminal restlessness which was distressing to witness. He would try to open his eyes (but was unable), sit up, turn and try to get out of bed. We couldn't talk to him and were worried about his safety. He was sedated so that he could not move. I remember leaving the Hospice one night and trying to say goodbye. He wouldn't wake up. I couldn't wake him up to say my goodbye. That was hard.

19. I have struggled emotionally since I lost my father, especially in finding out that his FVIII treatment was contaminated and that his premature death could have been avoided. I am a father now myself. My father never knew his grandson. He would have loved him. I met my wife in March, the year of my father's death and I am pleased that they met. My wife came with me to visit my father in hospital and he kissed her goodnight with the rest of us. I remember him saying "come and give me a kiss, you are going to be my future daughter in law". That memory makes me smile.

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

20. I do not believe that my father was offered any counselling or support. We were not offered anything.

**Section 7. Financial Assistance**

21. My mother received the ex gratia Stage 1 and then Stage 2 payments after my father's death.

**Section 8. Other Issues**

22. There are no other issues.

**Anonymity, disclosure and redaction**

23. I do not wish to apply for anonymity and I understand this statement will be published and disclosed as part of the Inquiry. I do not wish 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

18/04/19