

Witness Name: Francis John Burke

Statement No: WITN1124001

Exhibits: 0

Dated: June 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FRANCIS JOHN BURKE

I, Francis John Burke will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Francis John Burke. I was born on [GRO-C] 1945 and I live at [GRO-C]
[GRO-C] Norfolk, [GRO-C].
2. I make this statement on behalf of my late son, Francis John Burke Jr (John).
He was born on [GRO-C] 1971 and died on [GRO-C] 1994 aged 23 as a result
of Hepatitis C (Hep C) and HIV.
3. My wife, Maria Oliva Burke, has also produced a witness statement
(**'WITN1124001'**) for the Inquiry.
4. My wife and I are both retired and live together. We have an elder son who is
married and lives in New Zealand with his family.
5. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my
late son's full medical records. If and in so far as I have been provided with
limited records the relevant entries are set out in the medical chronology at
the end of this statement.

Section 2. How Affected

6. I wish to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to this section.

Section 3. Other Infections

7. I wish to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to this section.

Section 4. Consent

8. I wish to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to this section.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

9. I wish to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to part of this section.

10. John's diagnosis and subsequent death had an impact on me. Maria told me that John had contracted HIV shortly after she was told in the corridor at St Thomas' Hospital (STH). I just tried to carry on with my life on a day-to-day basis. It was very upsetting for me seeing John suffer when he was so young. I did not want him to see that I was worried about him but it was a very upsetting time for me and I do not wish to speak more about it. John had some good days but also had some very bad days.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

11. I would like to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to this section.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

12. I would like to rely on my wife's witness statement in relation to this section.

Section 8. Other Issues

13. When John died, the undertakers took John away and did not let anyone see him because of the HIV. My wife lost her temper with them and the manager realised the secretary got it all wrong and said whoever wanted to, were

allowed to go and see him. We got to see him in the end but they made it a big deal just because he died of HIV.

14. I want justice for what happened to John.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

15. I do not wish to remain anonymous.

16. 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 12-6-2019