

Witness Name: Dr Charles Rizza

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DR CHARLES RIZZA

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 23 July 2019.

I, Dr Charles Rizza, will say as follows: -

Section 1: Introduction

1. My full name is Charles Rocco Rizza. My date of birth is GRO-C 1930. My address is known to the Inquiry. My professional qualifications are MBChB, MD, MRCP and FRCP (Edinburgh)
2. I have set out my career in the attached short curriculum vitae [WITN0635002]. In short, I started my career in Dundee working as a House Physician for the year 1955/56, following which I took up a role as clinical research fellow with the Medical Research Council, England. I returned to St Andrews as a lecturer in therapeutics between 1965- 66 before taking my NHS post as Consultant Physician with Oxfordshire Health Authority in 1966 until my retirement in 1993. I was the Director of the Oxford haemophilia Centre between 1977 and 1993.
3. I was clinical lecturer in haemophilia at the University of Oxford from 1967 until 1993. I was Chairman of UKHCDO from 1987 until 1990 and Medical Adviser to the Haemophilia Society from 1970 until my retirement in 1993.

Section 2: The Report [HCDO0000394]

4. The Report referred to in the Rule 9 request for a statement is a Report which was commissioned of me, I believe for use in the class action raised by patients

in England seeking damages due to their infection with HIV as a result of the use of blood or blood products. I do not recall who asked me to write the report.

5. As far as I recall the Report was created by me in early summer in 1990.
6. I confirm that the contents of the Report are considered by me to be true and accurate and reflect my knowledge at the time the report was written. I have not revisited the Report in its entirety to review whether I still consider the contents to be true and accurate but I have no reason to suppose that they are not.
7. I have no further information that I consider relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference that is not included within the Report.
8. I have access to no further documents that I consider relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference.

Section 3: Professor Bloom's Report [DHSC0001297]

9. I have not revisited Professor Bloom's Report which is dated 1990. I was aware of it at the time, and I do not recall disagreeing with this report, or considering aspects of it to be inaccurate.
10. I have no further information to add. It is important that I make quite clear here that I did not co-author his Report with Professor Bloom, although I knew it was being written by him at a time I was writing my own Report. He and I regularly corresponded, and it may be that some of my Report reflects what is in his and vice versa. There was no co-authorship at all.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed
 GRO-C

Dated 18/11/20