

Witness Name: Andrew Patrick

Statement No.: WITN279206

Exhibits: WITN279207-8

Dated: 24th July 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ANDREW PATRICK

In addition to the statement of 4th March 2019, provided to the Inquiry via Collins Solicitors, who no longer represent me, I, Andrew Patrick, will say as follows: -

1. In my previous statement, I mentioned that I bumped into my surgeon Dr Igpini, who told me that I would have had a blood transfusion following my accident in 1981. I also set out the conflicting messages that I have received from the hospital regarding whether I did or didn't have a blood transfusion. I believe that in light of the severity of my injuries and the advice I received from my surgeon, I would have had a blood transfusion.
2. Further to my previous statement, I would like to document the full list of my injuries as recorded in a page from my hospital record, which I exhibit as WITN279207. These are; abrasions to the right chest, a comminuted compound fracture to the mid shaft of the right tibia, a wound over the back of the calf and a fracture to the right wrist. I also know that my fibula was also severed, I cannot explain why this was not documented within

the typed notes but it was handwritten in another note, which was attached and I exhibit as WITN279208.

3. In light of the seriousness of my accident, the extent of my blood loss and the severity of my injuries, I believe that I was given a blood transfusion following my operation.
4. In addition to my injuries, I should also add that, immediately following my motorcycle accident, I was in a ditch for a minimum of twenty minutes waiting for the ambulance and then for a further twenty minutes while the paramedics prepared my shattered leg so that they could get me out of the ditch and into the ambulance. I was in indescribable pain and could see the bones in my leg. The paramedics had to straighten my leg to enable me to get into the ambulance and take me to Harrogate District Hospital. I would estimate that it was around sixty minutes after my accident before I entered hospital. I watched myself lose a large amount of blood, and I was operated on the same night.
5. Furthermore, I would like to say that around the time of the hospital's third letter to me in 2016, setting out what they say was a clerical error, a man called me from the hospital to apologise for his mistake. I can no longer recall his name, but this man was in tears and he wanted to apologise to me personally for the distress he had caused to me. He swore on his children's lives that it was due to his clerical error that I had been informed that I had had a blood transfusion, when I had not. This man offered to meet me to show my medical records. At the time, I felt sorry for the man, I accepted his apology and left it at that. However in retrospect, I wonder if I had been emotionally manipulated.
6. What does not ring true to me, is that in connection with my enquiry as to why I was told first that I had not had a transfusion, then years later that I had and then again that I had not, I was only told of women's names that were involved, GRO-D.

7. Lastly, I would like to say that I believe that there has been a cover up by the local NHS. To get to the bottom of this, I would like the inquiry to provide a professional expert to establish whether, from the description of my injuries, I would have required a blood transfusion.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-C

Dated

24/7/19