

Witness Name: David Philip Gayton Moore

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DAVID PHILIP GAYTON MOORE

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I, David Philip Gayton Moore, will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is David Philip Gayton Moore. My date of birth is GRO-C 1964. I am married and live with my wife at GRO-C GRO-C Buckinghamshire GRO-C. I have one daughter who is aged 11 years.
2. I make this statement as the son of the late Kenneth Archibald Sidney Moore. My father was infected with hepatitis C as a result of being treated with contaminated blood. He was born in 1928 (exact date of birth is unknown). He died on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2000 at the age of 72 years.
3. I believe my parents married during the 1950s.
4. In December 2002, my mother died from a drug overdose because she was unable to cope with the loss of her husband.

5. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my father's full medical records.

## **Section 2. How infected**

### **Background**

6. My father suffered from Haemophilia A. I do not know if he had any other bleeding disorders. My father was the only child.
7. I have one sister who is 4 years older than me. She is not a carrier.
8. I do know my father underwent numerous blood transfusions at Churchill Hospital, Oxford (CH) and Nuffield Hospital, Oxford (NH). I do not know what products were used to treat him in the early years.
9. At CH the main consultants were Doctor Rizza and Doctor Matthews.
10. My father was employed by a USA based company and he was employed as a medical sales representative. Ironically, his role involved travelling to GP surgeries in the UK to offer new drugs to doctors on a trial basis.

### **Factor VIII**

11. I do not know when doctors started treating my father with FVIII products. I do not think the doctors advised him of the risks of being treated with these products. I know that he would not have consent to being treated this way if he was told that the treatment could lead to infections.
12. My father bled mainly from his knee joints and, because these were very painful, he underwent operations to replace both knees. I do not know when he had these operations and nor do I know whether FVIII products were used on these occasions.

13. I do know that in about 1968 or 1969 my father stopped working on medical grounds. At the time, he was about 40 years old.

14. In about 1974 my father began treating himself at home. I think it is reasonable to assume that he was treated with FVIII at the hospitals for a few years before he was given the option of home treatment.

15. I know the products that he was using were FVIII because these were kept in a fridge and had to be mixed in a bottle. My parents often told me to get the FVIII from the fridge and I used to help my father with the injections. From my recollection, I would say that my father treated himself about 4 to 5 times per year and he continued to do so until the year 2000.

#### Hepatitis C

16. I do not know when my father was infected with hepatitis C because it is unclear whether the doctors ever told him. I am sure that if the doctors had told him, we would have got to know about it.

17. I believe my father was infected with hepatitis C when he was being treated at CH and NH at some stage between the late 1960's up until he died but more likely to have been infected during the 1970's. Without medical records, I cannot say for certain.

18. If the doctors did admit to my father that he was infected with hepatitis C, I do not think they told him when they first knew that he had been infected. I do think that the doctors should have kept my father better informed of the infection and given proper advice as to what he could have done, if anything to treat it.

#### Financial impact

19. In 1985, for financial reasons, my parents moved to Cornwall. I had only just turned 21 and decided to stay in GRO-C Buckinghamshire. After they moved, I saw them on average twice per year. I do recall that my father's health was getting noticeably worse at each visit. I do vaguely recall him

mentioning hepatitis C to me and this would have been on one of my last visits to see him.

20. My father died in a hospice. The doctors at CH informed me that my father died from hepatitis C.

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

21. I do not know whether my father was infected with any viruses. If he was infected, we were never told about them.

### **Section 4. Consent**

22. I believe he was not given adequate information of the risks involved and would not have given his consent to have been treated this way. My father was the chairman of the Haemophilia Society in Oxford. I do not think he was able to make an informed decision simply because the doctors failed to tell him more about the products that they used to treat him.

Hepatitis C – I do not know whether the doctors treated my father for the infection. If they did, it was likely to have been without my father's knowledge or consent. I do think the doctors tested him to see whether he was infected with hepatitis C. If that is correct, such tests were carried out without his knowledge and consent.

Research - I believe my father was tested for research purposes. In the obituary section of The Haemophilia Society Magazine, there was an article that states that some of my father's blood was taken into space. If this is correct, I have no idea as to why this would have been done.

## **Section 5. Impact**

### **Impact on father**

23. My father used to be very active in the local community. He was the chairman of GRO-C & District Association for the disabled, chairman of the Parish Council, chairman of 3 boards of School Governors and chairman of the Haemophiliac Society. He was able to continue with his charitable work long after he was forced to leave his full time jobs on medical grounds.

24. When he left work, my father had no choice but to claim benefits. He continued to do this up until my parents decided to move to Cornwall in 1985.

25. My father did not go out socially because, mentally, he was not well enough. My father's illness had a considerable negative impact on our family. Being brought up on benefits in the 1970s and 1980s, meant that we had to live with little food on the table. We were put in this predicament because it was the hospital that was responsible for infecting him with hepatitis C that ultimately cost him his life. If he had not been infected, as a family, we would not have suffered this financial hardship. I know that my father was a proud person and being put in a vulnerable position would have affected his self-esteem.

### **Impact on me**

26. I was 10 years old and I had to witness my father treating himself with huge needles with FVIII blood products. I was brought up with a disabled father, which has affected my whole life. Other children were cruel to me and I grew up as an angry child. It made me placid.

27. My father was made disabled. I do not know when he was infected and neither do I know the extent to which the infection caused him to lose his employment. I do know that his loss of employment had a deep effect on my life particularly as we were left without any self dignity. I had to leave school at the age of 16 and I moved away from home to join the army.

28. As far as I am aware, no counselling for offered to my father.

### Impact on my mother

29. My wife believes my mother was very unhappy and unwell. She was tied down her whole life to care for my father and could not do anything else. My father was in a lot of pain up to the time he died. She had mixed emotions when he did eventually die because she could not bear to see him in so much pain. Her own self guilt for feeling this way ultimately led her to commit suicide.

### Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

30. I do not know if my father was given any medication to treat the infection. I am certain he would have told my mother and my mother would have told me. I am not aware of any obstacles or difficulties in accessing treatment.

### Section 7. Financial Assistance

31. I do not believe my father or my mother received any payment from any fund at any time. My mother was in a fragile mental state due to the burden of having to take care of my father. She took her own life when she was only 68 years old and I believe my father's poor health contributed to her death.

### Section 8. Other Issues

32. My father's Haemophilia was due to bad luck. My father did everything he could in his life for other people and the community. I feel very angry that he was given blood products that were contaminated and eventually cost him his life. The Government possibly knew what was going on but failed to do anything about it.

**Anonymity, disclosure and redaction**

33. I confirm that I do not wish to have anonymity and I understand this statement will be published and disclosed as part of the Inquiry.

34. I wish to be called to give oral evidence.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed.. GRO-C .....

**David Philip Gayton Moore**

Dated            February 2019

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