

Witness Name: Pamela Morris

Statement No: WITN7072001

Exhibits: 0

Dated: April 2022

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PAMELA MORRIS

I, Pamela Morris, will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Pamela Morris. I was born on GRO-C 1966 and I live at GRO-C
GRO-C
2. I believe that my mother, Joan Taylor (born on GRO-C 1935), was infected with the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) through a contaminated blood transfusion. She developed Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and died on 6th April 2000, aged 64.
3. This Witness Statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my mother's medical records.

Section 2. How Affected

4. My mother had a blood transfusion at the Countess of Chester Hospital in the 1980s to treat Anaemia. I remember visiting her there with my late father.
5. When my mother developed a lump on her neck (lymph node), she was initially told by her GP that 'it was just one of those things that happens when you get older'. My mother died within 7 weeks of being admitted to the Countess of Chester Hospital.
6. I am one of three siblings. At no time were my parents or any of us alerted to the fact that the blood transfusion may have been contaminated, to include after her death.
7.

GRO-C
8. I am endeavouring to get hold of my mother's medical records albeit the Countess of Chester Hospital have informed me that their records are destroyed after 8 years. I am pursuing an Application for Access to General Practice Medical Records (Deceased Patients) to include her haematology records.

Section 3. Other Infections

9. I am uncertain at this time as to precise infection(s) that led to the death of my mother.

Section 4. Consent

10. My mother would not have been prewarned of any associated risk of infection through what I believe to have been a contaminated blood transfusion or transfusions.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

11. My mother (Mum) was healthy and active before she became unwell. She presented as being young for her age. She enjoyed holidays. She liked walking in Austria and the Lake District. She didn't smoke and she didn't overdo the alcohol.

12. When the lump in Mum's neck emerged, she wasn't eating as much and had difficulty in breathing. She was at that time being treated for asthma.

13. I was just 32 years old when Mum died. I cared for my father right up until he died last year at aged 87 and am now able to pursue what happened to Mum. We lost Mum 22 years ago and we have missed out on having her with us at all our key events and milestones.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

14. I wasn't offered counselling or care and support. I sought out some bereavement counselling myself and I am currently on the waiting list for counselling through the Good Shephard Hospice.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

15. We haven't had any help and assistance from the Trusts and Funds.

Anonymity

16. I do not seek anonymity and I understand that this Statement will be disclosed for publication to the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed...P Morris.....

Dated...19th April 2022.....;