

Witness Name: Maureen Yvonne Haslam

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MAUREEN YVONNE HASLAM

I, Maureen Yvonne Haslam will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Maureen Yvonne Haslam and I live at GRO-C
GRO-C I was born on GRO-C 1943. I am a widow and I have two adult children from a previous marriage, Rodger Kerry and Susan Elizabeth Kerry. I am a retired teacher/ lecturer.
2. I make this statement in relation to my brother, Ian David Stimpson (Ian). He was born on GRO-C 1949 and sadly passed away on GRO-C 1995, aged 46. Ian was married to Susan and they had two daughters. Ian was a business man he had his own painting and decorating business.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my Ian's medical records.

Section 2. How Affected

4. Ian was suddenly diagnosed with renal failure in 1979 (aged 30). He received a kidney transplant straight away which lasted about 10 years. He then received another kidney which was fine, but suddenly he became very ill and we did not know what was wrong. There was only a few weeks perhaps months between Ian receiving his second kidney and his death. No one knew why Ian had died, no one explained anything to us.
5. Ian was treated at, and subsequently died at, City Hospital Nottingham. He always received good treatment at the hospital.
6. As far as I am aware no information or advice was given to Ian before his transplants about any potential risks of infection from receiving blood products. I believe he may not have had the treatment had he been told of any risks.
7. When Ian died his death certificate stated he had passed away of non alcohol related Hepatitis C (HCV). This was the first time we knew why Ian had died. None of us knew he had HCV when he died; we tried asking people what happened but we could not get any information.
8. A few weeks after Ian died, Susan and I had an appointment with Ian's consultant and he spent an hour with us going through Ian's notes however nothing was ever mentioned about HCV; nothing to even say Ian's death could have been to do with something related to blood transfusions. There was certainly no information about how Ian contracted HCV. I felt we were pushed in the background and it was so upsetting.
9. It is only later after Ian died that we have read about the contaminated blood scandal in newspapers and realised what had happened that Ian had been given contaminated blood, either during one of these transplants or from one of the

blood transfusions that followed, but we did not find this out until after Ian had died.

10. All Ian could do at the time was just look on and he had no idea what he was dying of.

Section 3. Other Infections

11. I am not aware of Ian having any other infections as a result of receiving contaminated blood.

Section 4. Consent

12. I do not believe that Ian was tested or treated without his consent or knowledge or for the purpose of research.

13. However, he died without knowing he even had HCV so he could not have been tested for it with his knowledge or consent.

14. If Ian was told anything it would have been discussed with the family as we were all very close, but he received no information to enable him to make any decisions for himself.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

15. Ian was a people person. He always used to help people and would even take others to the hospital if they needed it for example.

16. I lived about 6 miles away from him so we used to see each other every week as a family we were very close.

17. He was a painter and decorator but had to stop working in his 40s. He did try and work part time however for as long as he could manage. In last few months on Ian's life, he could not work due to his poor health.

18. In what turned out to be the final year of his life, Ian's health deteriorated quite rapidly and his illness became very noticeable. It was a real shock for us. Ian was in and out of the hospital quite a lot but I can not remember Ian receiving treatment or having investigations. The hospital was very good in the early days but in this case I do not know what they were doing.

19. My dad died soon after Ian and my mother never really recovered from Ian's death. Susan was a very strong woman, she tried to work after Ian died but the grief took its toll on her indeed on everyone. Ian's children were only late teenagers/early 20s when he died and so it was very hard for them to deal with. However, Ian did get to see his first grandchild; she was just a baby when he died.

20. My husband and I helped Susan as much as we could and then tried to just get on with our lives as much as we could. Susan died two years ago when she was about 65 years old after never really recovering from Ian's death.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

21. After Ian died none of our family received any counselling or support. I feel that this would have been beneficial to us all at the time, as a family. The children were not very old so it would have been useful for them too.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

22. Ian received no financial support when he was alive and I do not know if Susan applied for anything after he died either.

Section 8. Other issues

29. I am just shocked and appalled at the secrecy of the whole thing; it is a tragedy. Susan and I were always asking questions but in those last two weeks of Ian's life there never seemed to be anyone to talk to; almost as if we were being avoided.

30. No one spoke to us after he died so we were left not really knowing how or why he died or anything; nothing was ever properly explained to us.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

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

33. I do wish to be called to give oral evidence if I can assist the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed. GRO-C

Maureen Yvonne Haslam

Dated: 24th June 2019