

Witness Name: Sandra Malby

Statement No.: WITN3840001

Exhibits: Nil

Dated:

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SANDRA CHRISTINE MALBY

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 03 October 2019.

I, Sandra Christine Malby, will say as follows: -

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Sandra Christine Malby. My date of birth is GRO-C 1961 and my address is known to the Inquiry. I am an employee of Rolex watches and I work in their GRO-C department.
2. I intend to speak about my mother's infection with Hepatitis. In particular, I will focus on the nature of her illness, how the illness affected her, the treatment she received and the impact it had on her and our family life.
3. I have no objection to my statement being published on the infected blood inquiry website and I not legally represented.

4. I was present when my brother, Paul Christopher Malby, was interviewed for the purpose of giving his statement to the Infected Blood Inquiry. I wholeheartedly agree with each and every statement made by my brother in relation to my mother's infection, subsequent illness and treatment prior to her death. In all material aspects I believe my brother's statement to be wholly accurate and it aligns perfectly with my recollection of the events detailed therein and partly reiterated herein.

Section 2. How Infected

5. With respect to the genesis of my mother's infection I wish to unqualifiedly reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraphs 2-21 of his statement.

Section 3. Other Infections

6. With respect to details of my mother's other infections, I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraphs 22 of his statement.

Section 4. Consent

7. With respect to the issue of consent to medical treatment and testing, I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraphs 23 of his statement.

Section 5. Impact

8. With respect to the impact that my mother's infection had on me and my family I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraphs 24-36 of his statement.
9. In addition, I would like to add that 1989 was an extremely difficult year for me as, not only did I have to deal with the emotional turmoil of my

divorce but I was also forced to mourn my mother prematurely. At this troubling time for myself, my mother would have been the person I would have turned to for the support that I needed and I know I would have received. But she was cruelly taken away from us and this made me feel her loss even more deeply.

10. For about two years around that period, I had no fixed abode and I was moving around from one shared living accommodation to another. When my father finally downsized homes in the wake of my mother's death, he bought a house for me and I was finally able to settle somewhat and find a measure of comfort at a time when my entire universe seemed in upheaval. The immense suffering occasioned by my mother's death aside, these events did also have the secondary effect of bringing my father and I closer together.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

11. With respect to the treatment, care and support received by my mother during her illness, I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraphs 37-39 of his statement.
12. My brother, father and I used to have the utmost respect for and trust in medical professionals. The events surrounding my mother's death have radically changed this. I remember that my father used to say of my mother's treatment in hospital that 'she was in the best possible place'; given the events that lead to her death, I now question all and any decisions made by medical professionals and my faith in the medical establishment has been utterly shattered.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

13. With respect to financial assistance stemming from my mother's infection I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence

contained in the statement of my brother at paragraph 40 of his statement.

Section 8. Other Issues

14. With respect to other issues surrounding my mother's infection I wish to unqualifiedly adopt and reiterate the evidence contained in the statement of my brother at paragraph 40 of his statement.

15. I consider it vital for me to have sight of my mother's medical records so that our family may finally discover the proximate cause of my mother's death.

16. I had to put these events to bed long ago to stop the grief from overwhelming me. Though reliving this tragedy has caused our family great pain, my hope is that it will also lead to us getting basic answers to questions we are entitled to ask, but that have remained unanswered.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 14 / 01 / 2021