

Witness Name: HOLLY JANE COYLE

Statement No: WITN1739001

Exhibits: WITN1739002-3

Dated: FEBRUARY 2019

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF HOLLY JANE COYLE

I, Holly Jane Coyle, will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Holly Jane Coyle. I was born on GRO-C 1983 and I live at GRO-C.
2. My father, Brian Richard Coyle (born on GRO-C 1947), was co-infected with the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) from contaminated blood. He died from renal cell carcinoma (kidney cancer) on 10th July 1996 at aged 49.
3. My mother and sister Rachel have given their own Witness Statements to the Inquiry (Witness Number WITN1171001 and WITN2894001 respectively).
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my father's full medical records. If and in so far as I have been provided with limited records the relevant entries are set out in the medical chronology at the end of this statement.

Section 2. How Affected

5. My father had severe Haemophilia A. He was diagnosed from birth. I understand that my father's older brother, Joe, had haemophilia too.
6. My father was treated at the Oxford Haemophilia Centre, at the Churchill Hospital under the care of Dr Rizza, Dr Matthews and Dr Giangrande. He was initially treated with plasma and then cryoprecipitate. I believe he was treated with Factor VIII (FVIII) from 1973 or 1974 after he met my mother.
7. I refer to **Exhibit WITN1739002** being my father's Hospital and Home Treatment Record listing the product/material supplied and used. Sheet No 8 of the Home Treatment Record is missing, being the product/material supplied from end January to the beginning of September 1985.
8. I refer to **Exhibit WITN1739003** being my father's National Haemophilia Database Record from the date of 4th January 1978. The record appears to be inconsistent with the data provided under **Exhibit WITN1739002**.
9. I do not believe that there were any warnings from the hospital about the risks associated with FVIII blood products.
10. I do not know when my father was told that he was HBV and HCV positive as I was a child at the time. According to my father's medical notes and records he first tested HBV positive on 8th October 1984 and he first tested positive for HCV on 6th June 1990.

Section 3. Other Infections

11. I am not aware of any other infection that my father contracted as a result of receiving contaminated blood products.

Section 4. Consent

12. I do not know whether or not my father was treated or tested without his knowledge, consent or without being provided with adequate information.

Section 5. Impact

13. I had no idea at all that my father was infected with HBV and HCV until the start of the Inquiry. I am the youngest of three sisters. My sister Sarah told me that my father had HCV and of the link between HCV and renal cell carcinoma. This has come as a real shock to me.

14. I was only 12 years old when my father died. I did not have a full understanding of death and could not get my head around the concept of someone being gone for ever. Now that I am older I feel the impact of his loss on my life. There has been a huge element of parenting that is lost to me. My father and I were very close. I was the baby and a real 'daddy's girl'. My mother and sisters tell me that I was my father's 'favourite' and as the youngest I was treated that way. My father was so loving and affectionate.

15. Within the last 10 years or so I have keenly felt his absence. I have no brothers and am currently single. There are times that I would have really appreciated someone to turn to and share things with. There is a big hole in my life and now, at the age of 35, I know just how significant my father's loss is with every year that passes.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

16. I do not believe that my father was offered counselling or psychological support when he was diagnosed with HCV. When he passed away from Renal Cell Carcinoma our family were not offered any counselling or psychological support.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

17. After my father's death my mother successfully claimed the £20,000/£25,000 ex gratia payment from the Skipton Trust.

Section 8. Other Issues

18. There are no other issues.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

19. 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.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-C

Dated 16/03/2019.

MEDICAL SUMMARY

(This summary is not intended to be exhaustive but sets out key points in the records relevant to the Statement)

27.08.1981	'Hepatitis B Antigen not detected'
08.10.1984	'Anti-HBs positive'
08.07.1987	'Mr Coyle has been tested 16 times in all, the last time being on 16.3.87. On all occasions he has been anti-HIV negative.'
20.02.1990	'Anti-HBs detected' 'Hep C Ab Not detected'
06.06.1990	'Anti-HCV detected'
25.08.1992	'Anti-HCV detected, HCV RNA detected'
30.07.1993	Patient informed of HCV status