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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN WITNESS STATEMENT OF JANICE HAYNES

I, Janice Haynes will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Janice Haynes. My date of birth is the GRO-C 1954 and I live at GRO-C. I am married and we have two sons and two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. I am retired; I used to work as a Teacher Assistant.
2. This impact statement is made in relation to my late father, Francis Ray, who was known as Frank but formerly known as Kazmir Wesolowski. He was born on the GRO-C 1927 and sadly passed away on the 25th November 2001, as a result of hepatitis, which he contracted through contaminated blood products.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my dad'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. I requested my father's medical notes from the late 1960s to the 1970s but have only received his notes from 1972 until his passing.

Section 2. How affected

4. My dad was born in Poland on GRO-C 1927 and he moved to England in 1946 when he was around 18 years old.
5. He got married to my mother twice: first in the Catholic Church of His Faith, and then in the Church of England. They got married on 17th April 1948 and were devoted to each other. I was born 6 years later and am an only child.
6. My dad spent a significant period of his working life as a fitter and welder at the Metal and Alloys brass foundry in GRO-C Birmingham. In the early 1970s my dad had a serious accident while working at the factory; however, I do not know much about what had happened. All I am aware of is that he had a massive fall down a big hole.
7. He was taken to the Good Hope General Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham to have an operation. I was at my parents' home and my mother called a neighbour to tell me to come to the hospital, as we did not have a phone at the time. By the time I got to the hospital, my dad was out of theatre. When I got there my mum told me that my dad had a serious accident, and she said that he had had a blood transfusion, as a result of it.
8. I am not sure whether my dad was given any information about the potential risks associated with having a blood transfusion. Even if he did, I am not sure whether he was able to understand it or ask any relevant questions, as his English was very broken. I also do not believe that there were translators easily available at the time.
9. As a result of the blood transfusion, I believe that my dad contracted hepatitis.

10. After leaving the hospital he got better and he seemed to be fine for a period of time, but then his health started to go downhill again. He was in and out of the hospital.
11. I remember one specific instance when I was around 18 years old and had just started a job in data processing at a local company called Foseco. When I returned to my parents' house after work, I recall seeing their front door left open. I found it very strange and I was genuinely scared to go inside, as I did not know what to expect. This was around 1972. When I walked in, I was told by my mother not to go upstairs to see my dad; however, I went in anyway. I was shocked; he looked very poorly. I ran outside from the shock of seeing him in that state.
12. From his medical notes I can see he was admitted via Tamworth General to North Birmingham & District HMC on 8th November 1972 with a history of epigastric pain for 2 weeks, chest pain for 5 days and jaundice for 3 days. At first, the doctors could not work out what was wrong with my dad. I am not certain how he found out about having hepatitis, as my parents were both very protective over me, so they did not tell me much about what was happening.
13. I am also not certain, as to whether any information was given to my parents about the infection, what it meant or any safety measures.
14. I believe that my dad was told about his infection quite a long time before I was made aware of it. I was an only child, so my parents always wanted to protect me and shield me, which is why they never told me about my dad's infection. I was told by my husband much later on.
15. I met my future husband in 1976. My husband never knew his father, so he became very close to my parents; my dad became like his dad. We lived at my parents' house for about 6 weeks after we got married in 1977. Around 1979 my

mother spoke to my husband about it first, which then was followed by a conversation with my dad, confirming it.

16. This was around the time when hepatitis started becoming quite prominent in the media, and without knowing any better, my husband asked me whether I knew that my dad had hepatitis. I did not believe it and was particularly shocked about it, as I did not know anything about the virus. I certainly was not aware of the severity of it.

17. I recall that when I visited my dad at some point at the Good Hope Hospital, my mother and I were taken to a room by a doctor and the doctor told us that he did not know what had caused my dad's illness. At the time I got the impression that he was trying to hide something. I then asked if it could have anything to do with the serious accident that he had at the factory, to which the doctor responded that it could be that or it could be from a dirty cup, which I did not think was very helpful.

Section 3. Other Infections

18. I do not know if there were any other infections that my dad contracted, as a result of his blood transfusion.

Section 4. Consent

19. I do believe that my dad might have been tested without being properly informed about the purpose of the tests, thus without his properly informed consent. This is particularly taking into consideration the language barrier.

20. I am not aware of my dad being tested for research purposes.

Section 5. Impact

21. The hepatitis infection affected my dad greatly; on a physical and mental level.
22. My dad had repeated relapses after 1972 as a direct result of his hepatitis. I recall that the doctors regularly monitored his liver. He had his first liver biopsy in 1973. If I recall correctly, he was told that his liver got enlarged from the hepatitis and he had become jaundiced. I exhibit a copy of the histology report on a subsequent liver biopsy after he relapsed in September 1974 showing he developed cirrhosis at exhibit WITN2966002. From his medical notes he was also jaundiced in 1977.
23. He also often had to have his lungs drained, as the hepatitis caused his lungs to fill up with water. However, this was in the later years, when he started to become very poorly.
24. He had also a number of other issues; however, I am not sure whether this was due to his hepatitis or the steroids. His bones got weaker, causing his arm to break. Somethings was wrong with the muscle in his arm, so he could not put his arm up. His mobility was also badly affected.
25. He spent a lot of time in the Good Hope Hospital for up to 7-8 weeks each time, particularly in the 1990s. He also had to have a bypass operation at Kings College London in August 2000.
26. The only treatment which my dad was given by the doctors was steroids. I recall that it caused him awful nausea and vomiting. I recall that my dad was given a lot of medication. It seemed like every time he went to the hospital he came back with something new. At one point he was on 28 tablets per day, including the steroids. In later years they tried to wean him off, as there were concerns that some tablets were counter-acting others.

27. He also had a lot of saline transfusions, when he was very poorly. I do believe that he might have had also blood transfusions. Whenever he was at the hospital, he was always put in isolation from the other patients.
28. Unfortunately, he never cleared the hepatitis. He died from a heart attack on 15th November 2001, aged 74 and I exhibit his death certificate which does not record hepatitis at WITN2966003.
29. My dad was a very strong man; physically and mentally. He never complained. However, I am aware that the knowledge of contracting hepatitis affected him to a great extent. He stopped doing the things that he loved, such as crafting things from wood, repairing cars and cooking. At some point he stopped leaving the house; he tried to go on walks, but that became more and more rare.
30. My dad always wanted to protect me, so he did not speak to me much about his feelings, but I know that he was scared because he became very quiet, always in his own mind. He also requested a priest on a couple of occasions.
31. His manager from the Metal and Alloys Factory came to visit him when he was very poorly and asked him if he would like to finish work completely. He agreed and was given a leaving package. He then got a different job, which he did on a part-time basis. My dad was only around 40 at the time. This whole situation affected our family financially to a great extent.
32. When he was very poorly at the hospital, during one of my visits I sat on his bed and he said that he was going to get a motorised scooter, and that I should not tell my mother about it. I know that he was aware that this was not going to happen, as he was not going to get better. I know this because he then he said: *"Janice, I am getting ready for the big blue sky"*, which was absolutely heart-breaking to hear.

33. My dad's hepatitis infection ruined his retirement; he was not able to enjoy it after all those years of hard work. He also had to retire early because he was too poorly and he had lost a lot of time from work.
34. He was also not able to enjoy his time with his grandchildren. They had a strong and loving relationship; his grandchildren loved to hear his stories. It is also fair to say that his grandchildren were robbed of their granddad, as they were only 11 and 18 when he passed away.
35. Particularly, my son, Lee, was very close to his granddad. Lee used to play the guitar for him and he always wanted to have an electric guitar. When my dad found out about it he told me to take out money from his bank and buy him an electric guitar.
36. I now have two grandchildren and I know that my dad would be over the moon with his greatgrandchildren; however, he did not get to meet them.
37. My dad's hepatitis affected our entire family greatly. We had a great family unit, but my dad went from being very well to being very unwell. My dad had loads of friends and everybody loved him.
38. My uncle came to shave my dad one day, as he was too poorly to do it himself. My uncle promised my dad that if he got better, they would go to Switzerland. They did manage to do that, they went on a pathway to climb up a mountain. My dad tried to go a few steps but he was too weak, so he waited while my mother and brother-in-law climbed up the mountain. This was around the time when my dad first started to get ill.
39. My mother was particularly affected by my dad's illness and passing. She was his main carer,

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42. I am certain that our life would have been different if it was not for my dad becoming infected with hepatitis, becoming poorly and passing away, as a direct result of it.

43. I am not sure who knew about my dad's illness. I believe that some of our close family might have known. However, overall it was not something that was mentioned a lot.

44. I am not aware of any specific instances, whereby my dad experienced stigma, as a direct result of his hepatitis infection. However, I do recall that whenever he had any treatment there was a barrier nurse around. I also recall that when my dad was in the hospital, whenever we would go to visit him we had to wear masks and whenever we brought anything in with us, we could not take it out of the ward, as he was in isolation. It was horrible.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

45. As mentioned above, the only treatment that I am aware of my dad being offered and given were steroids. I am not aware of any other treatments being offered to treat his hepatitis infection.

46. I am not aware of my dad ever being offered any counselling. I know that he did have a priest over a couple of times, but I do not believe that he was ever referred to a psychologist to help him to deal with the illness.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

47. None of us have received any financial help as a result of my dad's infection with hepatitis. We were never made aware of any such financial assistance being available.

Section 8. Other Issues

48. I find the lack of clarity around everything that happened to my dad since the transfusion very upsetting. We could not fully appreciate what was happening to my dad, as we did not have all the necessary information at the time.

49. I would like this Public Inquiry to get to the bottom of what actually happened and who is to blame for this tragedy. I would like to find that out for my dad, as he is not here to do it.

50. I would also like to say that I find it rather strange that the medical records, which we received, only start in 1972 and are missing his transfusion.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

51. 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.

52. I do not 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

Dated..... 25/05/2019

Medical Chronology

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

- 8/11/1972 admitted to Good Hope Hospital. Emergency admission from Tamworth General Infective hepatitis. Jaundiced for 3 days. No foreign travel. No ? . No injection for 2 years. No contact with jaundice. Never previously ? . PMH No serious illnesses
Diagnosis: 1. Infective hepatitis 2. Pulmonary embolus 3. ?chronic active hepatitis
Haematology - jaundice
- 9/11/1972 Haematology - Inf hepatitis. jaundiced
- 10/11/1972 less jaundiced today. still breathless
Haematology - Inf hepatitis
- 11/11/1972 Blood test result. Negative for hepatitis associated antigen and antibody byment fixation, Dr T H Flewett
- 13/11/1972 much better today. less jaundiced. acute pain much reduced. LFT's confirm hepocellular picture. HAA -ve.
Regional Virus Laboratory. Diagnosis H.A.A. Negative for hepatitis associated antigen and antibody by complement fixation
Haematology - Inf hepatitis
- 16/11/1972 Haematology - Inf hepatitis
- 20/11/1972 Haematology - Inf hepatitis
- 21/11/1972 Infective hepatitis ? active hepatitis
- 5/12/1972 Blood test. Clinical diagnosis: Hepatitis ANF strongly positive numerous I.E. cells seen. Smooth Muscle Antibodies - Negative. Mitochondrial Antibodies - Negative. Anti-nuclear Factor - Positive 1/1600
- 10/1/1973 Letter Dr Bass to Dr Byrnes. This interesting patient started as infective hepatitis, but went into chronic active hepatitis. He is still jaundiced and has a raised bilirubin. His SGPT is elevated indicating continued hepatocellular damage. For this reason I have started him on Prednisolone and would be grateful if you would prescribe 5 mgm t.i.d. for him for one week. I have given him his first week's prescription and have arranged to see him in two weeks.

North Birmingham & District HMC History Sheet Dr B H Bass. Ex ?
Hepatitis. ANF +ve ++++. L Ecelster (?) HAA -ve

- 7/2/1973 Letter Dr Bass to Dr Byrnes. This patient with chronic active hepatitis now has a normal serum bilirubin. As expected, his flocculations are still very positive and his SGPT remains elevated. He will have to remain on steroids indefinitely and I would be very grateful if you would continue to prescribe Prednisolone 2.5 mg tid
- 16/5/1973 Letter Dr Bass to Dr Byrnes. He is doing very well indeed, but his liver function tests are still somewhat abnormal, as is expected in this condition
- 19/6/1974 Well - although bowels very stubborn still. Also getting a little dyspepsia. NB took laxative 6-8 over 12 prior to trouble with liver. ?? Oxyphencoatin induced hepatitis * Better continue 2.5g bd
Letter Dr Bass to Dr Byrnes. His liver function tests are remaining stable
- 12/8/1974 admitted to Good Hope Hospital. seeing Dr Brass for chronic active hepatitis. Noticed to be jaundiced 3/7 ago. PMH no other illnesses or operations. Oct 1972 pulmonary embolism. Very severe arthritis in 1968 (rel to hepatitis?). drugs maintained on 2.5mg Prednisolone / day.
47 year old fitter with ?chronic active hepatitis since Nov 1972 - maintained on a small dose of oral prednisolone
- 13/8/1974 admitted via Casualty c/o pain on admission. change ? Chronic Acute Hepatitis. consistent chronic hepatitis
Chemistry, IgG 50 30 mg%, IgA 298 mg%, IgM 202 mg% - very raised - consistent chronic hepatitis
- 16/8/1974 maintain on present dose of steroids. A high activity hepatitis. LFTs x2/wk
- 4/9/1974 Patient with Chronic Active Hepatitis admitted with relapse and jaundice. Brought under control (?) and increased ... of steroids) Prednisolone
- 6/9/1974 ?? latent diabetes mellitus or ? Diffuse Hepatic Disorder. ? for liver biopsy next week
- 10/9/1974 is for liver biopsy
Request for blood grouping and compatibility tests. Clinical diagnosis - Chronic active Hep. Crossmatch Whole Blood 20 (No of bottles / packs)
ED 19/9 Compatible Bottle numbers - 08562, ED 25/9 Compatible Bottle numbers - 08720
- 11/9/1974 liver biopsy. specimen ¾" long. macroscopically normal. Result = subacute hepatitis progressing to cirrhosis

- 13/9/1974 Seen by Dr Ball. Liver function tests to be repeated. ? for discharge next Wed or Thurs
- 16/9/1974 Histology report. Liver biopsy (the first on this patient) (cf Nelly Ray in 1973). Histology: The normal architecture is considerably disorganised by bands of fibrosis associated with florid inflammatory exudate in the portal tracts mainly lymphocytes but also some neutrophils; no evidence of biliary obstruction (or malignancy); the parenchymal cells show foci of necrosis and appear at normal but with minimal fatty change. In my opinion the appearances are of a subacute hepatitis progressing to cirrhosis
- 24/1/1977 North Birmingham Health District. Dept of Biochemistry. Comments – chronic active hepatitis
- 8/11/1977 Jaundice ++
- 14/5/1979 This man has chronic active hepatitis, well controlled on 5 mgm of Prednisolone daily
- 21/6/1979 letter Dr Bass to Jock. He has had quite a lot of liver disease, and if you have any doubt in your mind about Griseofulvin, it might be better not to give him this for fear of exacerbating his chronic active hepatitis
- 25/11/1980 North Birmingham Health District. Dept of Clinical Chemistry. Cl. Data – Hep Risk
- 1/12/1980 letter Dr Bass to Dr Tajuddin. I am pleased to write that his liver function tests are again quite normal, so that after seven years of treatment, his chronic active hepatitis has healed.
- 29/12/1987 Emergency GP referral – this pm whilst lying in bed sudden onset, severe, central, crushing chest pain. PMH 1974 – hepatitis – CAH Under Prof Bass now in remission
- 7/4/1998 Good Hope Hospital NHS Trust – Day case Unit patient care record. Jaundice Yes. When? Hepatitis 1973. Chronic hepatitis 1973
Good Hope Hospital NHS Trust – Before surgery questionnaire. Chronic hepatitis 1973. Tests normal after 7 years treatment 1980.
- 14/10/1998 Good Hope Hospital NHS Trust – History Sheet. PMH Hepatitis 1971
- 15/10/1998 Good Hope Hospital NHS Trust - Ward Assessment Form. Hep B 1971
- 11/11/1999 Endoscopy unit patient care record – Hepatitis B. Previous Hepatitis B