

ANONYMOUS

Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No.: WITN3209001

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Dated: 31 July 2019

THE INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

EXHIBIT WITN3209007



AG/GB

23rd September 2011

GRO-B

Re: Meeting in Dr Benson's Office, Haemophilia Centre on 22nd September 2011 @ 4pm

Dear Mrs GRO-B

This is a representation of the meeting which took place in my office on 22nd September for which Mrs GRO-B was in absentia. A discussion had taken place with Mr GRO-B in advance of the meeting whenever he was informed of the purpose of the meeting.

I had invited the three children of the late Mr GRO-B to attend the meeting to discuss recent changes to compensation based on Hepatitis C infections.

We revisited the fact that Mr GRO-B had contracted Hepatitis C further to contaminated blood products as a consequence of the treatment of his haemophilia in the 70's and 80's. Due to the extension of the Skipton fund to include those patients who pre-deceased the start up of the fund, Mr GRO-B's estate, that is to say his three children are now eligible on his behalf to claim for the compensation. Based on the information that is available that is to say his death certificate which clearly states that he was infected with hepatitis C it would be expected that the part 1 compensation for £20,000 would be successful and as such divided equally between the three children.

They were informed that in order for the claim to be processed by myself as part of the Haemophilia Centre the form must be applied for through Skipton. It was agreed with all present that Mrs GRO-B would make the initial contact with Skipton to request the application form. Upon receipt of the application form Mrs GRO-B will forward this to myself and I will complete it on behalf of Mr GRO-B's estate. I have agreed that at the time of submitting the application, my letter of support in conjunction of part 1 of compensation will be copied to each of the three children so that they are aware that upon their receipt of this letter Skipton will also have received it. I have made them all aware that the turnaround time for this claim can be approximately three months.



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With regards to this successful claim Skipton will make this available to the point of contact within the family which was agreed as Mrs **GRO-B**. Once the money is transferred and assuming that the claim is successful I will contact Mrs **GRO-B** who will provide me with the 3rd of the claim for Mrs **GRO-B**. Subsequent to this I will contact Mrs **GRO-B** to attend the Haemophilia Centre to collect the cheque.

This is a true record of the meeting to the best of my ability as I re-collect it and I have dictated this within 15 minutes of the meeting ending.

Should any issues or queries arise from this I am happy as always to be contacted directly to further clarify any further issues.

Yours sincerely

GRO-C

Dr Gary Benson, MB BCH MRCP FRCPATH
Haemophilia Centre Director