

NOT RELEVANT

Witness Name: C A Davies

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CAROL ANNE DAVIES

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I, Carol Anne Davies will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Carol Anne Davies and I was born on **GRO-C** 1954. I live at **GRO-C** Cardiff, Wales, **GRO-C**
2. I make this statement as an affected sister of my late brother, Ian Philip Warman, who was born on **GRO-C** 1957 and passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 as a result of receiving contaminated Factor VIII concentrates.
3. My late brother was infected with Hepatitis C via his use of contaminated Factor VIII concentrates.
4. **This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my late brother's medical records. I tried to obtain these but was advised that they had been destroyed.**

#### Section 2. How Affected

5. My brother had Haemophilia A and I presume that it was severe given that every time he knocked himself he required hospital treatment. He was initially treated with plasma but as soon as Factor VIII became available he was transferred to this treatment. I believe that he received Factor VIII right up until his death.
6. He was treated at the University Hospital of Wales under Professor Bloom. I am unsure which consultant took over from Professor Bloom following his retirement.
7. As far as I am aware my brother was not given any information or advice regarding the risk of infection from receiving Factor VIII concentrates.
8. I do not know exactly when my brother was infected with Hepatitis C but I believe that it was in the 1980s.
9. I don't know which consultant told my brother about his infection or when this conversation took place.

### **Section 3. Other Infections**

10. As far as I am aware my brother was not exposed to any other infections such as vCJD.

### **Section 4. Consent**

11. I don't know whether my brother was tested, treated or used for the purposes of research.

### **Section 5. Impact**

12. Ian loved his football and was a lovely brother but as we got older we unfortunately went our separate ways in the world. However, if it weren't for

this tragedy my brother would still be with us today and able to enjoy his life. He has been cruelly robbed of the chance to lead both a proper and full life.

13. When my brother found out that he had Hepatitis C it just blew his mind. He kept saying "*if I did not have this disease I would not be like this*". It had such a bad effect on his mental state. He was never the same once he found out this awful news.

14. I am unsure which physical symptoms my brother suffered as a result of Hepatitis C. I do know that he was extremely tired but I had never put that down to the Hepatitis C at the time. I used to see my brother every few months but only for a few hours so it is hard for me to recall or detail his physical symptoms.

15. As far as I am aware he did not undergo any treatment for his Hepatitis C.

16. He disclosed his infection to the family but I don't think he told anyone else due to the stigma at that time.

17. My brother managed to continue working and he had a number of jobs but I don't think he ever disclosed his infection to his employers.

18. I lost my brother in horrific circumstances and to compound this he was found dead in his flat having been like that for 10 days until he was discovered. I was extremely shocked and distraught and I dealt with the aftermath of this.

19. I personally did not speak to anyone, other than my husband, about my brother's infection. It was his business and his business alone. My husband was extremely supportive and if it were not for him I do not know how I would have managed to cope at all.

#### **Section 6. Treatment/care/support**

20. As far as I am aware my brother was not offered any counselling or psychological support. I have never been offered anything in this regard.

### **Section 7. Financial Assistance**

21. When my brother was alive he did not receive any support from the Skipton Fund. Following his passing, I received the Stage 1 Payment of £20,000 because I was his named beneficiary.

22. I did not receive any monetary support towards his funeral.

23. I had no dealings with the Skipton Fund because one of the doctors at the hospital dealt with everything.

### **Section 8. Other Issues**

24. This tragedy should never have happened in the first place. People's lives have been irreparably damaged.

### **Anonymity**

25. I do not want to apply for anonymity and I do not wish to give oral evidence to the Inquiry.

### **Statement of Truth**

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

Signed.... GRO-C .....

Dated.... 3/9/19 .....