

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF GRO-B

I, GRO-B will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is GRO-B, DOB GRO-B and I live at GRO-B
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2. My grandfather, GRO-B: G DOB GRO-B died on GRO-B at the age of GRO-B
after being infected with Hepatitis C through contaminated blood products.
3. My mother has also provided a statement to the Inquiry. This can be found at
GRO-B
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my grandfather's
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 grandfather suffered from mild haemophilia A and was treated at the GRO-B
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ANONYMOUS

6. I am unable to provide any first-hand knowledge of how my grandfather was infected. Such information has been addressed in my mother's statement.
7. To my knowledge, my grandad went in for a minor operation for which he was given contaminated Factor VIII. The hospital refused to put it on his death certificate as they refused to accept they were in the wrong, so only put liver failure on to his death certificate.
8. My mum waited until I was a teenager to tell me what happened to my grandad as she wanted me to be old enough to understand it all.

Section 3. Other Infections

9. I am not aware of what other infections my grandfather may have been exposed to.

Section 4. Consent.

10. I do not have any knowledge as to what testing my grandfather consented to.

Section 5. Impact

11. My grandad passed away a few months after I was born so I never really got the chance to meet him.
12. I have never met my father and my uncle lived abroad for a good section of my young life, meaning it has always just been me and my mum.
13. Mum had no help looking after me when I was growing up. She lost both of her parents close together, one of them needlessly, and it was just her left to care for me.
14. I have missed out on things like a big family Christmas as it has just been the two of us; it is all I've ever known. There is a whole section of my family that I just know nothing about.
15. It has affected me growing up having a lack of family and a lack of family support for my mum. I have known nothing different than this. Things could have been very different if I was given the opportunity to grow up with a grandfather and a supportive family.

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16. My mum is now disabled so I look after her.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

17. I have never been offered counselling.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

18. I do not believe my mother received any financial assistance. She has always worked full time and I would have to stay with friends or anywhere I could when I was younger as she had to work and was offered no support.

Section 8. Other Issues

19. I want the Inquiry to shed some light on all of the wrongs that have been done.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

20. I would like to apply for anonymity.

21. I do not want to provide oral evidence to the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed GRO-B

Dated 10/4/2019