

Witness Name: Norma Jardine

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NORMA JARDINE

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I, Norma Jardine will say as follows:-

#### **Section 1. Introduction**

1. My name is Norma Jardine. I live at GRO-C  
GRO-C My date of birth is the GRO-C 1952.
2. I make this statement in relation to my late partner, Derek William Haughton, who was born on the GRO-C 1944. He passed away on the GRO-C 2018, aged 73 as a result of receiving contaminated blood products.
3. I am aware that Cressida Haughton, Derek's daughter has also produced a witness statements to the Inquiry ('WITN3125001').
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my late partner'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. I was Derek's partner for 15 years. We were in a committed relationship, but I was not allowed to reside at his home due to a legal agreement that was imposed by his late partner's family.
6. Derek had Severe Haemophilia B (Christmas Disease). I am not sure when he was diagnosed with Haemophilia.
7. I believe Derek was given clotting factor from the mid 1960s. I am not sure of the name of the clotting factor that he received. I therefore wish to rely on Cressida's statement as she details what factor treatment he was given.
8. Cressida's statement details the hospitals that Derek attended and which he received clotting factor. Some of the hospitals that Derek attended that I am aware of are as follows:
  - a. In the 1960s – Oxford Blood Coagulation Unit at the Churchill Oxford and the treating doctors were:
    - i. Dr P Mallam, Dr A E Vartan, Dr C r Rizza, Dr J M Matthews
  - b. Between 1969 - 1974 – St Thomas', London and the treating doctor was:
    - i. Professor G.I.C. Ingram
  - c. Between 1970s – 1980s – University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) and the treating doctors were:
    - i. Dr N.K Shinton, Dr K.P Cotter, Dr M.J Strevens.
  - d. Between 1990s – 2018s – Oxford Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre and the treating doctors were:
    - i. Dr D Keeling and Dr P.F.L Giangrande.
  - e. Between 2000 – 2014 – Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Oxford and the treating doctor was:
    - i. Dr J Collier.
  - f. Between 2000 – 2018, UHCW, Haemophilia Centre, Haemophilia Nurse: Kathryn Marshall and the treating doctors were:
    - i. Dr O Chapman and Dr B Bailiff. Viral Hepatitis CNS: Stacey Chambers (NMC 88D0960E).

g. 2017 – Oxford Haemophilia and thrombosis Centre and the treating doctor was:

i. Dr S Shapiro.

9. I do not believe Derek was provided with any information or advice before he was treated with factor products about the risk of being exposed to infection.
10. As a result of Derek receiving clotting factor he was infected with Hepatitis B (Hep B) and Hepatitis C (Hep C).
11. I do not know when Derek was told that he had Hep B. Cressida has a document from UHCW dated 21 January 1980 which refers to a positive Hep B result. However, previous tests for Hep B indicated a negative result.
12. In relation to the Hep C infection, from correspondence with Derek's previous partner I believe that Derek was told about the infection in the summer of 1995. However, having looked at his medical records the first positive test was on the 24 August 1990. The blood test was collected by Dr Rizza at the Oxford Haemophilia Centre.
13. Unfortunately I do not know what information was provided to Derek when he was told about the infections. I do not know if adequate information was provided to him to help him understand and manage the infection.
14. I do not know what information, if any, was given to him about the risks of others being infected as a result of the infections.

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

15. I do not know what other infections Derek contracted as a result of receiving clotting factor other than Hep B and Hep C. I therefore wish to rely on Cressida's witness statement in relation to this section.

### **Section 4. Consent**

16. I do not know if Derek was treated or tested without his knowledge or consent.

17. I do not know if Derek was treated or tested without being given adequate or full information.

18. I do not know if Derek was treated or tested for the purposes of research.

**Section 5. Impact of the Infection**

19. I wish to rely on Cressida's statement in relation to part of this section.

20. In 2013 Derek developed lymphoma, which was discovered by his dentist. He had radiotherapy and chemotherapy and beat it, but then had to continue seeing the oncologist at University Hospital. This therefore meant that he had to attend more hospital appointments, which he found very tiring and oppressive.

21. In 2016 Derek's health began to show serious deterioration with bouts of pneumonia, which never seemed to go away. After he was hospitalised in ICU with pneumonia he never fully recovered. His breathing got progressively worse and from early February 2018 he was no longer able to wheel himself in his wheelchair to the village hall (about 400 meters away) without assistance. I recall Derek saying that his clothes were shrinking but I now know it was as a result of fluid building up in his body from the infections.

22. In August 2017 I believe Derek was given treatment for the Hep C. He was given a 12 week course of Zepatier. At his 3 month review Derek was advised that the treatment was successful and that he had cleared the Hep C virus.

23. Soon after Derek got the all clear from the Hep C I believe he received a phone call from the renal nurse from Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. I couldn't hear what was said but he suddenly went very pale and was shaking and then became very angry. He later told me that he was told in a very casual manner that he had cirrhosis.

24. Everyday normal tasks were a struggle for Derek and he got out of breath even when doing something simple such as showering. He found it difficult to transfer from his bed to his wheelchair as he had to keep stopping for a breath. His legs also started to swell up at this time.
25. He saw the renal doctor who warned him he may have to start dialysis as his kidneys were getting worse. At this point his legs were permanently swollen. At one point fluid leaked from his legs and feet so badly that his shoes were soaked. Initially he felt ashamed, thinking he had wet himself.
26. In or about May 2018 Derek struggled to get into bed and he therefore started to sleep in a recliner chair. Even that became a struggle for him which resulted in Derek staying in his wheelchair.
27. When Derek saw the renal specialist again, he was told that he needed to be admitted to the renal unit as soon as possible and start dialysis as soon as they had a bed for him. They warned him to be ready to go into hospital at a moment's notice.
28. On 25 May 2018 we sat waiting with his bags packed, waiting to be called into hospital. By now fluid was oozing from his legs and they were getting ulcerated marks.
29. By 28 May 2018 there was still no word from the hospital. His breathing was getting worse so he called the out of hours doctor who came and phoned the renal unit. They said there was still no bed so they couldn't send an ambulance. As his situation was now desperate he got in the car with only wet socks on, as he couldn't get his shoes on and drove himself to hospital. His P.A. went with him so she could bring the car back. He sat in the waiting room until a bed was found for him.
30. He started dialysis right away and was in hospital for 6 weeks. He was initially treated with dialysis every day and then the treatment was reduced to every

few days. He was told that when he left the hospital he would need to continue treatment 3 or 4 times.

31. On the GRO-C 2018 at approximately 12.20 pm his P.A. called me to say he was deteriorating and the doctor said I should come in. When I got to his room he was looking very pale and his usually reddish nose was grey. He was hooked up to a blood pressure/heart monitor and drips. His blood pressure was very low, in the 50s. The doctors and nurses were in and out every few minutes but his blood pressure wasn't rising at all. At 5pm I went out for a break and when I got back 15 minutes later the door was closed and curtains were pulled around his bed. I was let in and Derek was sat up having a blood transfusion. He was very grey looking. The doctor said he had a bleed somewhere in his body but they couldn't find where he was bleeding from. He was breathing very little and the doctor said his heart was failing. As Derek had signed a DNR (do not resuscitate) form they couldn't do much else for him. So I sat holding his hand. He was looking at me and smiling; he gave a little breath and passed away.

32. The day after Derek passed away we went to the ward to collect his belongings. The nurse brought his wheelchair to us with several hospital bags. When we opened one of them we found the soiled top and shorts he was wearing when he passed away. We were very upset. I was particularly upset as I was with him as he passed away and it brought back memories of his last moments. They also returned a container of soup that I had made for him which hadn't been emptied and had just been left for several days.

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

33. I wish to rely on Cressida's statement in relation to this section.

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

34. I wish to rely on Cressida's statement in relation to this section.

#### **Anonymity, disclosure and redaction**

35. I do not wish to remain anonymous.

36. I do not want 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 30-march 2020