

Witness Name: JONATHAN SMART

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JONATHAN SMART

I, JONATHAN SMART, will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Jonathan Smart. I was born on GRO-C 1961 and I live at GRO-C GRO-C Manchester GRO-C. I was, by occupation, a Manager of a major time share company in Gran Canaria. I am no longer able to work. I suffer with cervical myelopathy and am disabled.
2. My step-father, John Greenwood (born on GRO-C 1936), was infected with the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) from contaminated blood products. He died from liver cancer on 5th December 1996 aged 60.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to John's medical records.

Section 2. How Affected

4. John had mild to moderate Haemophilia A. He was treated at the Manchester Haemophilia Centre at the Manchester Royal Infirmary under the care of Dr Wensley and Dr Delamore initially and then, from the late eighties, Dr Hay.
5. John was treated with Factor VIII (FVIII) blood products on a regular basis and was subsequently informed by the Centre that he had HCV.
6. I refer to the unsigned Statement of my mother, Rita Greenwood, referred to at **Exhibit WITN3972002** for further and better details in relation to how John was infected with HCV. Whilst the Statement is unsigned my mother had approved its content. She was thinking of adding additional information to the Statement with a view to exhibiting a few documents she had in her possession. Sadly, my mother died (on 19th July 2019) before doing so.

Section 3. Other Infections.

7. I am not aware of any infections other than HCV.

Section 4. Consent.

8. I again refer to my mother's Statement.

Section 5. Impact

9. I once again refer to my mother's Statement.
10. Referring specifically to paragraph 22 of my mother's Statement, I would add that John's income was not insubstantial. John ran his own business in Manchester

as a black cab proprietor. His annual income as long as 23 years ago was something in excess of £50,000. My mother was an intelligent person but she was in a terrible state when John died. She was struggling financially and, in 1996, she borrowed £70,000 from a disreputable loan company charging an extortionate rate of interest. Despite repaying £67,000, the sum of £76,000 is now still said to be outstanding. In addition to also still having a mortgage in the sum of £199,000, my mother had substantial credit card debts when she died. The family home is in the process of being sold and I am compelled to leave. I was living in Gran Canaria when my mother took out the loan. She didn't know what she was doing at the time. She was in such a state of distress that she wasn't thinking straight. My mother was profoundly affected by this tragedy.

11. I was deeply affected by the manner in which John died. As alluded to at paragraph 23 of my mother's Statement, my mother provided a great deal of support and care to my sister who was also deeply affected by our step-father's death GRO-C My mother was at my sister's home on a daily basis. That care has now fallen to me.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

12. I again refer to my mother's Statement.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

13. I again refer to my mother's Statement.

Section 8. Other Issues

14. The infected blood scandal beggars belief. I believe the Government and the NHS to be very clearly culpable. The length of time it has taken for the issue to come to light and be resolved is like a stuck record going over and over.

Anonymity, disclosure and redaction

15. I do not wish to be anonymous and understand that my Statement will be published on the Inquiry website. I would not be able to give oral evidence to the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....

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Dated.....

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