

Witness Name: Allan Lee
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ALLAN LEE

I, Allan Lee, will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Allan Lee. I was born on 1960 and I live at
2. My mother (born on 1943), was infected with the Hepatitis B Virus and/or the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through a contaminated blood transfusion. She died 1977, aged 34.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my mother's full medical records.

Section 2. How Affected

4. My mother was in and out of and Sunderland District General Hospital for various things between 1975 and 1977.

5. My mother's health deteriorated and she spent the last four days of her life at Newcastle Hospital in a coma on a dialysis machine that purified and replaced her blood. I was 16 years old when my mother died. After my mother's death I was told by the Consultant in charge of her care at the hospital that my mother had contracted the hepatitis virus through a faulty/contaminated blood transfusion.

Section 3. Other Infections

6. I am not aware of any further/additional infections.

Section 4. Consent

7. I am unaware as to whether my mother was ever tested or treated without her knowledge and consent as I did not know that she had hepatitis until after her death.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

8. I was just 16 years old when my mother died. My sister was 15 years old. Our parents had separated and divorced. My sister and I lived with my mother and my younger brother lived with our father.
9. My mother became really unwell before her death with severe headaches, nausea and bouts of delirium. About a week before she was admitted into hospital, my mother went to her GP and he advised bed rest.
10. I called for an ambulance when my mother's skin and eyes turned yellow and she started hallucinating. My mother died on GRO-B. We all lived with my father after my mother died and he did his best to raise us. Because my parents were divorced, my father never sought to hold anyone to account over my mother's death nor did any other adult. We were too young

to question the adults who decided to do nothing about my mother's death.
All doctors were regarded as Godlike people in those days.

11. My siblings and I never got over my mother's death. She was too young to die. She never lived long enough to meet my wife or her grandchildren

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

12. I have always felt that my mother was greatly let down by the medical profession as a whole at that time.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

13. My siblings and I were never advised on any financial aid we could have claimed.

Section 8. Other Issues

14. There are no other issues.

Anonymity

15. I do not wish to remain anonymous.

Statement of Truth

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

GRO-C

Signed.....

Dated.....

24/4/20