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Witness Name: **GRO-B**

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

THIRD WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

I provide this supplementary statement following my first written statement which was provided in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 5th November 2018, to provide further information which may be relevant to the Inquiry.

I, **GRO-B** will say as follows: -

1. Since providing my first statement, I have been provided with a response from Professor Gordon Lowe (Inquiry reference WITN3496023). I would like to make some further points in light of this.
2. In particular, I wish to present further context to a number of consultations Professor Lowe discusses in his response in which he claims I was informed of my hepatitis infection prior to 1994. I maintain my position that I was not told of my hepatitis C diagnosis until 1994.
3. On page 5, paragraph 3 of Professor Lowe's response, he describes my first consultation with him and my mother on 7th March 1989 following my transfer from **GRO-B**. In this paragraph, Professor Lowe exhibits his clinical notes from the consultation under **WITN3496025**. He states that these notes record that while neither my mother nor I gave any history of jaundice, my referral letter from **GRO-B** noted elevation of liver function tests during my time there, which

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raised the possibility of non-A non-B hepatitis, and that he informed my mother and I of this. As can be seen from this exhibit, all the clinical notes Professor Lowe refers to say in relation to any history of jaundice or my mother and I being informed of the possibility of non-A non-B hepatitis is, "No Jaundice, but ↑ transaminases? NANB hepatitis – informed".

4. I do not agree with his recollection of this consultation. I can say with confidence that neither my mother nor I were informed of the possibility of me having non-A non-B hepatitis and there was no discussion about a history of raised transaminase levels or raised liver function tests during my time at **GRO-B** during this appointment. I remember this appointment clearly because it was my first appointment with Professor Lowe and was a significant event for me as it was my first appointment in the adult hospital. There was no discussion of non-A non-B hepatitis or raised transaminase levels at **GRO-B** as Professor Lowe describes. This is something both myself and my mother would have asked questions about at the time because the only discussion we had ever had in relation to hepatitis before this appointment related to hepatitis B and the vaccinations required for it during my time at **GRO-B**. The issues of non-A non-B hepatitis and raised transaminase levels would have been new to us both and would have been something that we would have questioned and recalled being told about.
5. On page 6, paragraph 4 of Professor Lowe's response, he references a letter he sent to my GP on 30th May 1991, describing an appointment he had with my father and I on 27th May 1991. This letter is exhibited under **WITN3496028** in the response and was put to me during my oral evidence to the Inquiry on 8th July 2019, exhibited under **WITN2245006**. In his response Professor Lowe asserts this letter records that he explained to my father and I that I had "...slight elevation of serum transaminases which may represent a degree of chronic non-A non-B hepatitis".
6. I maintain the position I gave during my evidence; my father and I were not told about me having raised transaminases or that this could be indicative of chronic non-A non-B hepatitis at this appointment. What I wished to add in this supplementary statement was that if this information had been conveyed to my

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father at this appointment, he would have remembered because this was one of only two clinic appointments my father ever attended with me. The other being on 7th March 1989, for my first appointment with Professor Lowe, where he drove my mother and I to the appointment but waited in the car whilst we went to the appointment. My father would never go into hospitals if he could help it as he hated them. He worked as a Police Officer and was a shift worker so would sometimes be required to attend hospitals in response to incidents and had seen some unsettling things due to the nature of his work. Therefore, he would always avoid hospitals wherever possible. He would come to visit me if I had been admitted as in-patient for an extended period, but he only came to one appointment with me.

7. I have been asked whether my father had ever discussed this appointment with me after the event and the simple answer is no. This is because nothing as significant as a diagnosis of non-A non-B hepatitis was discussed that day and my father would have remembered that. Not only because it was the only appointment he attended with me, which made it a significant event for him, but also because of the way his mind worked as a Police Officer; he would not have forgotten something so significant being said about his son. For these reasons, I reject Professor Lowe's recollection of this appointment. That information was not conveyed to myself or my father and the first time I received my hepatitis diagnosis was in 1994.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed **GRO-B**

Dated 06 December 2022