

Witness Name: Jane Wyley  
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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF JANE WYLEY

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I, Jane Wyley, will say as follows:-

#### Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Jane Wyley. I was born on GRO-C 1951, and I live at GRO-C  
GRO-C
2. My aunt, Ivy Dale (born GRO-C 1917) was infected with the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through a contaminated blood transfusion. She died on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017, aged 99.
3. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my aunt's full medical records.

## **Section 2. How Infected**

4. My aunt had a blood transfusion at a London Hospital following an operation some time in the 1970s or very early 1980s. I believe she had lung cancer and the operation was a partial lung removal.

## **Section 3. Other Infections**

5. My aunt may have also been co-infected with the Hepatitis B Virus. She didn't refer to her hepatitis by type. It was just 'hepatitis'.

## **Section 4. Consent**

6. I cannot comment on the issue of consent, except to say my aunt would not have expected a blood transfusion given to replace blood lost during an operation to be infected with a virus. She was very astute and very inquisitive, and I believe that she would have asked questions and expected straight answers.

## **Section 5. Impact of the Infection**

7. Auntie was always a very lively person. She was quite a small person, but nevertheless always larger than life. Auntie was ill for many years after becoming infected with HCV, but she never gave in to it.. She spent the last two years of her life in a nursing home in Worthing.

8. Ivy didn't have any children of her own. She was very close to my father (her only brother) and myself and my siblings. It was her dying wish that the wrong was righted and made us promise to follow it through.

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

9. I do not know and cannot comment about Ivy's treatment, care and/or support.

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

10. Aunt Ivy was very clear that she had been coerced and hoodwinked into accepting a payout for the bad blood she received.


11. Ivy was a Skipton Fund recipient. She had a savings account named Skipton Fund account with a balance of £4,257.50 we found after she died.

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

12. I do not wish to remain anonymous, and I understand that this redacted Statement will be published by the Inquiry.

### Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....  .....

Dated..... 26 / 10 / 2022 .....