

Witness Name: Marcelle Clare Seaward

Statement No: WITN7432001

Exhibits:0

Dated: November 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

FIRST WRITTEN STATEMENT OF MARCELLE CLARE SEAWARD

I, Marcelle Clare Seaward, will say as follows: -

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Marcelle Clare Seaward. I was born on GRO-C 1970. I live at GRO-C, Shropshire, GRO-C
2. I make this statement about my late mother (mom), Olive June Seaward, who was born on GRO-C 1944 and sadly passed away at the age of 71 on 10 September 2015 from Hepatocellular Carcinoma, having contracted Hepatitis C Virus (HCB) via contaminated Factor VIII concentrates.
3. My father, Robert James Seaward has provided a witness statement to the Inquiry under WITN1510001 to which I refer in relation to background and factual matters.
4. This witness statement has been prepared without the benefit of access to my mom's full medical records.

Section 2. How Affected

5. I refer to my father's witness statement.

Section 3. Other Infections

6. I refer to my father's statement.

Section 4. Consent

7. I refer to my father's statement.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

8. My sister and myself had a difficult childhood due to our mom's ill health which at the time we did not realise it was due to having Hepatitis C from infected blood products. The reasons for mom being so poorly, which were never correctly diagnosed until a few years until she passed away.
9. My sister and I were often split up as a family due to my mom being in and out of hospital and left in the care of friends and relatives whilst our father went to work. We had limited family holidays due to my mother's declining health. Mom was a very proud independent lady who kept her failing health disguised to herself as best as she could.
10. My sister and I attended hospital appointments with our mom, to which I went to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in May 2015, when mom was told there was nothing more they could do for her. When she came out of her appointment, she was a broken lady who lent against the wall and collapsed to the floor. She wanted to try and carry on until Christmas and set herself a goal, but unfortunately this dreadful, cruel disease which should have never happened took her away from us in September 2015.

11. I have worked for the NHS for the past 33 years, but the NHS is accountable for my mother's death.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

12. I refer to my father's statement.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

13. I refer to my father's statement.

Section 8. Other Issues

14. Thank you for reading my statement and your help in fighting for justice for all those who have suffered and been affected by this awful tragedy.

Anonymity

15. I do not wish to apply for anonymity.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed..

GRO-C

Dated.....

19/11/22