

# ANONYMOUS

Witness Name: **GRO-B**

Statement No.: WITN0385002

Exhibits: WITN0385003

Dated: 3 October 2021

## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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WRITTEN STATEMENT OF **GRO-B**

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I provide this supplementary statement to be read in conjunction with my first written statement [WITN0385001] dated 28 February 2019.

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

### **Section 1: Correction of first written statement**

1. Section 6 of my first statement to the Inquiry [WITN0385001] concerns my mother's treatment at Newcastle Haemophilia Centre. At paragraph 110 of my statement, I discuss a letter received by my mother concerning her Non-A Non-B hepatitis diagnosis. The purpose of this statement is to amend my description of the contents of this letter.
2. Being a child while many of the events discussed in my statement occurred, I have had to rely on conversations with my parents as well as my own memories and perceptions.
3. As stated at paragraph 110 of my first statement, my mother's recollection was that, 'at some point following her diagnosis, she received a letter from the Haemophilia Centre suggesting her Non-A/Non-B Hepatitis would clear up within a matter of weeks.'

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4. Although reflecting her belief and feelings of frustration, due to her diagnosis apparently being handled with little consideration of the impact it would have upon her and her family, I was in error, as the letter from the Department of Haematology actually states, 'it does tend to go away in time although it may take many months.'
5. I am sure many people, like my mother, would interpret this as within a year or so and not understand from such casual phrasing that, although 'no specific treatment' had yet been found, that the disease would still be affecting her thirty-one years later. I recognise, as stated elsewhere, that it is contextual factors that have restricted the treatment options for my mother's Hepatitis, however this letter indicates a lack gravity when referring to her diagnosis and future options (possible fortnightly urinary tests, which were not carried out, and no further tests) and why she felt abandoned as a result – this was something to get on with rather than be guided and supported through.
6. A copy of the letter is exhibited to this statement [WITN0385003].

### Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-B

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### Table of exhibits:

Date	Notes/ Description	Exhibit number
08/02/1990	Letter from Dr Richard Noble to GRO-B GRO-B	WITN0385003