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Witness

Name:

GRO-B

Statement

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Dated:

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF

GRO-B

I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 16 November 2018.

I,

GRO-B

will say as follows: -

Section 1. Introduction

My name is GRO-B My date of birth is GRO-B
GRO-B 1942 and my address is known to the
Inquiry. I am the son of Mrs GRO-B I
intend to speak about the circumstances of my
mother's death following a blood transfusion at the
Royal Liverpool Hospital in December 1982. In
particular, the nature of her illness, how the illness
affected her, the treatment received and the impact
it had on her.

Section 2. How Affected

My mother was admitted to the Royal Liverpool Hospital feeling generally unwell in December 1982. Her diagnosis was Anaemia and the remedy prescribed was a blood transfusion. This would be the third such transfusion in as many years at the same hospital. This was a procedure which my mother was familiar and presented no particular fears or difficulty. So far as I can remember, the procedure was undertaken on GRO-B 1982.

Amongst my regular visits, I particularly remember the visit and our conversation prior to her death in the early evening of the GRO-B 1982. Having been feeling much better, she informed me that it was very likely she would be discharged the following day. She was in good spirits and was even well enough to escort me to the exit. I left her that evening at 8.10pm.

Having arrived home following a journey that took 45 minutes, I was informed that my mother had passed away. It was obviously a massive shock and a bewildering experience that within the space of an hour, my and family's mood had been reduced to utter despair.

Neither my mother (so far as I can remember) nor any member of the family were given any information following the procedure or following her death in relation to any matter.

My contention in this matter is that, as a result of the procedure two or three days earlier and her general good health immediately prior to her death, there is a potential link with the Inquiry's investigations.

Section 3. Other Infections

So far as I know there were no other infections.

Section 4. Consent

I do not believe my mother was treated or tested without her knowledge or consent.

Section 5. Impact

I am not aware my mother faced any difficulties in accessing treatment nor do I believe the intended remedy to her condition, posed any mental or emotional difficulties as she had experienced the same operation in the years previous.

I believe there is the possibility that her untimely death was the result of a procedure which included infected blood.

The impact of her death for my family members and myself are clearly obvious. The emotional effects of such a shocking transformation of seeing her relatively well and, within an hour, hearing of her death is something that still defies any logic for me.

Section 6. Treatment/Care/Support

No treatment, care or support was offered following my mother's death.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

No financial assistance was sought nor offered as a result of the death of my mother.

Section 8. Other Issues

There are no other matters nor previous litigation sought by me to be taken into account.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

GRO-B

Dated

21.11.18
