

Witness Name: Prof Liakat Ali Parapia

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## INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

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### WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PROFESSOR LIAKAT ALI PARAPIA

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I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 1st June 2019.

I, Professor Liakat Ali Parapia, will say as follows: -

1. My name is Professor Liakat Ali Parapia. I currently live at GRO-C  
GRO-C Leeds, GRO-C
2. I was born on GRO-C 1949.
3. I hold the following qualifications: MBBCh, FRCP, FRCPE, FRCPath.
4. I first qualified in 1974 and practiced up until I retired from NHS in 2009
5. From 1982 until 2009 I held the following relevant posts:
  - Consultant Haematologist and Director of Haemophilia Centre: Bradford Royal infirmary.
  - Member of UKHCDO (UK Haemophilia Centre Directors Organization).
  - Member of Regional Directors Group (Yorkshire).
  - Working Party member on Rare Coagulation and Platelet Disorders
6. I held other posts during this time which included;
  - Visiting Professor, University of Bradford
  - Academic Sub-dean, Leeds Medical School
7. This statement is based entirely on my memory of events that happened more than twenty years ago.

8. My name is mentioned in sections 54 to 58. I have been asked to answer questions related to paragraphs 56 and 57.
9. I would initially make it clear that I was not involved in the care of [GRO-B]'s brother as stated in the letter from the Inquiry.
10. I did indeed see [GRO-B] at the Yorkshire Clinic [GRO-B] like myself had an interest in helping the Haemophilia cause. We were both members of the Haemophilia Society. I was involved with raising money and improving the profile of the Bradford Centre.
11. We were also involved In the Twinning initiative with Indian Centres as part of the World Federation Organization programme. We received the World Twinning Centre (Bradford and Pune) Award of the year 2000. [GRO-B] shared our aspiration and did make donations, etc at various times.
12. 

**GRO-B**
13. As a Director I did meet many Haemophiliacs. I did not say that [GRO-B] was brighter than my other patients. I may have said that Haemophiliacs in general are brighter than the general population.
14. I have no recollection of mentioning 'cosy' relationships between Pharmaceutical companies and Centre Directors. It is possible that we discussed the considerable marketing influences the companies had on Haemophilia Centre Directors. These views have already been given to the commission by myself and indeed I have also submitted a significant amount of printed material to the commission to help with their enquiries.
15. I have never received any monetary benefits from the companies. Any benefits or donations were channelled into Bradford Hospital Charitable funds and used for the benefits of patients or Staff.
16. Incidentally [GRO-B]'s brother has treated me for diabetes as he is a [GRO-B] in the practice at which we are patients. He has never ever shown his disapproval of my behaviour at any time.
17. I hope the remarks above are helpful. I remain completely loyal to the cause of the Haemophiliac patients and hope that a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

**Statement of Truth**

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

**GRO-C**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

*1st June 2019*

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