

Witness Name: ROSEMARY CALDER

Statement No: WITN1134002

Exhibits: WITN1134003-5

Dated: JANUARY 2022

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ROSEMARY CALDER

I, ROSEMARY CALDER will say as follows:-

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Rosemary Calder. I was born on GRO-C 1948 and I live at GRO-C
GRO-C Northampton GRO-C
2. My son, Nicholas James Calder (born on GRO-C 1974) was co-infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and the Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through contaminated blood products. He died on 20th December 1999, aged 25.
3. This Witness Statement has been prepared without a full and complete set of my son's medical notes and records.

Section 2. How Affected

4. Nicholas (Nicky) had severe Haemophilia A. Nicky was under the joint care of Northwick Park Hospital (NPH) and registered with the Haemophilia Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). He very rarely attended GOSH and all his care and treatment from diagnosis in 1975 was carried out by NPH under the care of Dr Valman, Paediatrician and Dr Reid, Consultant Haematologist. In 1986 GOSH advised that Nicky's care transfer to the Royal Free Hospital (RFH) who then shared his care and treatment with NPH until 1989. In 1987 we moved to the Milton Keynes area and Nicky transferred from NPH to Milton Keynes Hospital (MKH) in 1989. His care and treatment was then shared between MKH and RFH.
5. This is my Second Statement. It should be read in conjunction with my First Statement dated 15th March 2019. I made my First Statement without the benefit of any medical notes and records from Northwick Park Hospital. My request for the records fell on deaf ears for almost three years. They claimed that there was no record of Nicky ever being treated there and they assumed his records must have been destroyed. When I threatened to take it up with the Infected Blood Inquiry and report the matter to the Health Service Ombudsman, I was told by the Administrator that there was one last place she could look and that she would call me back a week later. I call came just one hour later to tell me that they had 'miraculously' been found. The records I received are incomplete with important and relevant documents missing to include pathology and blood test results. The copy quality of the documents provided is poor.
6. I was shocked by Dr Reid's evidence to the Inquiry that he avoided using concentrate until 8Y was available in 1985. I refer to Exhibit WITN1134003 being copy medical record extracts from 1977. Nicky was treated with copious amounts of Factor VIII (FVIII) concentrate (brand(s) unspecified) in 1977, earlier than I thought to be the case when I made my First Statement.

7. My first memory of Nicky being treated with FVIII concentrate was in 1978 when he was 4 years old because I was at that time taught to administer it. I had a go on a couple of doctors and then I was sent to the Phlebotomy Department to practice on patients. I remember arriving and being told to 'take the next patient' as though I was an extra pair of hands. There was no supervision. I couldn't stop the bleed when I took blood from my first patient. I even went around with them to the Maternity Department and took blood from new mothers there. Their whole attitude was bizarrely unprofessional and blasé. Dr Reid, in his evidence appears to question the safety of FVIII treatment when for all that time prior to 1985 it was being administered to and for my son.
8. I refer to Exhibit WITN1134004 being a copy of Nicky's UKHCDO record. Nicky was treated with BPL between 1978 and 1987, but also some Factorate manufactured by Armour in the USA (in 1978 and 1982) and Profilate (in 1986).

Section 3. Other Infections

9. Nicky was not infected with anything other than HIV and HCV.

Section 4. Consent

10. I refer to paragraphs 12 to 14 of my First Statement. The doctors carried out the first HIV test (in May 1985) without my knowledge and consent. I refer to Exhibit WITN1134005 being a copy of the letter I received in September on the day before Nicky started at high school. The letter is dated 23rd August 1985, so it would appear that it took more than a week to reach me.
11. I refer to paragraph 15 of my original Statement. Nicky was tested for HCV without my knowledge and consent and without his knowledge or consent.

Section 5. Impact of the Infection

12. I refer to my First Statement.

Section 6. Treatment/care/support

13. I refer to my First Statement.

Section 7. Financial Assistance

14. I refer to my First Statement.

Section 8. Other Issues

15. I refer to my First Statement.

Anonymity

16. GRO-C 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.....

GRO-C

Rosemary Calder

Dated..... 21/1/22