

INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ANTHONY VICTOR FARRUGIA

I, Anthony Victor Farrugia, will say as follows:-

1. I provide this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 3 June 2019 and in addition to my first written statement on which I continue to rely.

PUPs

2. I believe my Dad was a PUP. His haemophilia was mild and most of his treatment was for dental extractions; even then he was only given Factor for cover. There was nothing to show he actually needed treatment. His early medical history is exhibited at **WITN1218010**.
3. In August 1977 Dad was readmitted to Heath Park under the care of Professor Bloom with a recurrence of a forearm bleed. There is no treatment card or batch number reference in Dad's medical records for the cryoprecipitate that Professor Bloom said he gave him on that occasion and which he apparently had an allergic reaction to. It is my belief that Professor Bloom did not administer cryoprecipitate and made this entry to provide a justification to move on to treatment with Factor VIII. I believe that Dad was treated with Factor VIII in August 1977, not cryoprecipitate.
4. My Dad's medical records (including the notes from Professor Bloom) are exhibited at **WITN1218011**. These include a letter dated 9 October 1984 which confirms that Dr Tedder had also received specimens from the AIDS Haemophiliac Surveillance Group and records

relating to Dad's hepatitis infection in the 1970s. There is also a letter dated 31 January 1985 which confirms he had "active chronic hepatitis".

Consent

5. When David and I were involved in the HIV litigation (as referred to below) the solicitors asked us whether Dad would have used Factor VIII if he had been aware of the risk of infection. We both confirmed that he would not and that he would have continued to use cryoprecipitate.

Mental Health

6. Dad really struggled with his mental health after being informed of his HIV diagnosis. He went through mental torture.
7. He was sectioned in April 1986 His medical records really give an indication of what he was going through and I exhibit these at **WITN1218012**.
8. The doctors repeatedly asked him why he was sad. It should have been obvious. When I read his notes it sounds like he was almost a "study" to them.
9. He was released from hospital in 1986 as they deemed he was 'too well', but was readmitted shortly after in a bad way, crying with tissues shoved up his nose.
10. As far as I am aware there were other haemophiliacs who were sectioned due to the mental suffering they were going through.

Care Provisions

11. There is correspondence dated 16.05.1986 that shows a meeting between Dr Colvin, Sister Mary, Nigel Harvey and my step-mother, in which they discuss the plan for David and I for after Dad died. She was our step-mum and had no legal right to make care provisions for us.

12. After speaking to my older brother Vincent, he said there was a meeting a week after Dad died in which my step-mum told Nigel Harvey that since my dad had died, she was not our mother any more.

13. Social services should have been involved from an early stage. I believe that the correspondence makes it clear that Cheryl always intended to put David into care after Dad died.

Litigation

14. David and I were involved in the HIV litigation. I remember being taken into the solicitor's office and told that if we did not accept the settlement being offered and sign the waiver then no one would receive any money. David and I knew that Uncle Vicky was dying at the time and felt we had no choice but to sign; we could not deny him/his family financial assistance.

15. When we signed the waiver we had no idea that Dad had also been infected with Hepatitis C.

16. When Cheryl found out we were involved in the litigation she put in her claim and, in the end, David and I received £1,000 each and she got £18,000 (of the initial £20,000). Of the subsequent £65,000 paid Cheryl got half and half the money went into Dad's estate. Paul received £11,000; David and I each received £2,500 and the rest was kept by Cheryl. She also received the benefit of a £12,000 insurance policy, the house and the payment from the Skipton Fund.

17. Cheryl received all their money apart from £4,500 because David and I just over 18 when the payment was made.

18. The fact that we were Dad's children was ignored and everything was given to Cheryl and Paul (her child with Dad). I feel we were badly let down by the Trusts/Schemes. The way that the MFT payments were apportioned was disgusting.

19. A copy of the relevant paperwork is exhibited at **WITN1218013**.

Campaigning

20. Over the years I have spent thousands of pounds of my own money campaigning for the Fatherless Generation. Travel, materials etc – it all adds up over a 30 year period.

21. I want the Inquiry to acknowledge the loss and the needs of the children who were left without parents and, in cases like mine, whose entire families imploded as a result of this Scandal. The relationships in my family have been fractured not only by what happened to my father and my uncles but also because of the cover up that followed and the way in which financial support has been dealt with in the intervening years.

Other

22. In Dad's medical records his haemophilia is referred to as "mild" and, later on, "moderate/severe". I believe that damage to his liver, caused by the hepatitis, contributed to a change in his haemophilia status.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

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Signed GRO-C

Dated 7 Aug 2019