

Witness Name: William Trevor Marsden
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WILLIAM TREVOR MARSDEN

I, William Trevor Marsden will say as follows:-

1. My name is William Trevor Marsden. I live at
 County Antrim . My date of birth is 1959.
2. I make this statement in response to a request under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 4 June 2019.
3. As a result of receiving contaminated Factor IX blood products I was infected with Hepatitis C and possibly other viruses, as detailed in my first statement dated 11 April 2019.

HIV TESTING

4. At some point in the 1980's, I can't recall the exact year, I received a letter asking me to attend a meeting at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. I attended the meeting with my wife, Louise.
5. I recall my Consultant, Dr Mayne, was in charge of the meeting. She told the Haemophiliacs present that we would be getting tested for HIV. I can't recall if it was explained to us why we were being tested. We were not asked if we wanted to be tested. We were not given any information about HIV.

6. After telling us we would be getting tested, Dr Mayne said that she would be going around the room and asking all of us whether we wanted to know our HIV test result. When Dr Mayne came to me, I said that I didn't want to know my HIV test result. To this day, I'm not sure why I said this. Dr Mayne then moved on to the next Haemophiliac.
7. At this point, my wife Louise, who was sitting next to me, put her hand up and said something along the lines of " I have a problem, I would like to know". I recall Dr Mayne making a big thing of this. She told the person who was taking a note of who did and didn't want to know their test results to write down "Mr Marsden doesn't want to know, but Mrs Marsden does".
8. I subsequently had my HIV test at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. I'm not sure how long after the meeting with Dr Mayne I had the test.
9. My test result came in another letter from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The letter was addressed to me. It stated that I had indicated that I didn't want to know my HIV test result, but that Louise did and that they were enclosing the result for Louise with the letter.
10. I also ended up looking at my test result, which turned out to be negative, as I was concerned about my health and my children.
11. I don't believe that it was appropriate to inform Louise of my test result by letter.
12. I absolutely think that I should have been tested for HIV earlier than I was.
13. I don't think that the issue of HIV testing of Haemophiliacs should have taken place in an open forum. I feel it should have done on an individual private basis.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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Dated.....18/6/19.....