

Witness Name: N Jones
Statement No: WITN1756003
Exhibits:WITN1756004-8
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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NICOLA JONES

I, Nicola Jones, will say as follows:-

1. My name is Nicola Jones (nee Enstone). My date of birth is 07.11.1970 and I live at 9 Tanners Close, St Albans, Herts AL3 5UN with my husband, Paul, and two children.
2. I make this statement in addition to my First Written Statement dated October 2018 on which I continue to rely and pursuant to the request issued by the Inquiry under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 dated 14 October 2019.
3. A summary of my medical history is set out in the letter from Professor Tuddenham to the Skipton Fund exhibited at **WITN1756004**.

Videos from the Royal Free

4. I have been provided with video footage of two consultations at the Royal Free by the Inquiry. These are date stamped 05.05.1990 and 02.09.1992 respectively.
5. I recall that in the 1980s I was asked whether one of my consultations could be videoed. I believe this was in 1984 when HIV was discussed with me. I consented to being filmed at that time. I was not aware that I my

consultations were filmed at any other time and I understand that the Inquiry has not been provided with a copy of the consultation that was filmed in or about 1984.

6. The earliest indication in my records that the hospital thought I might have been infected with something is given in the letter from John Yin (Registrar) to my GP on 23.05.1980. A copy of this is exhibited at **WITN1756005**.

05.05.1990 Video

7. This is a video of one of consultations with Dr Eleanor Goldman. I note that the Inquiry believe this to be a video of the review meeting that took place on 08.08.1990 as recorded in my clinical notes despite the date stamp.
8. Having reviewed the footage I accept that this could have been the consultation referred to in my notes as having taken place on 08.08.1990 as my notes record that my brother had left home and was engaged and the footage clearly shows me telling Dr Goldman about this.
9. In the video Dr Goldman discusses Hepatitis A and B with me. She states that although they tried to make the blood products as safe as possible hepatitis was harder to get rid of than AIDS which is why I was vaccinated against hepatitis.
10. She also mentioned taking blood from me and asked if I knew why this was done. She said that they test for HIV because it had been in blood products in the past. She said that I hadn't had any blood products since 1981 and tested negative in 1989 so the chances of me being infected via blood products were as likely as me "flying to the moon", ie. very small (11 minutes, 11 seconds).
11. I accept that Hepatitis C was discussed with me at that consultation now that I have had a chance to review the footage. In my notes (dated 08.08.1990) Dr Goldman recorded that she discussed Hepatitis C with me and although I had no direct recollection of this prior to seeing the video footage I now accept that this is correct. A copy of the clinical note is exhibited at **WITN1756006**.

12. In the video Dr Goldman states that she will test me for Hepatitis C on that day. She also told me that they now had a test to show whether someone had ever had Hepatitis C but that there was no test yet to show whether someone was still infected with it. She said that they did not know much about it but that they did know people got hepatitis from blood products which was not Hepatitis A or Hepatitis B and that this was now called "Hepatitis C". She made it clear that the test would only show whether I had had Hepatitis C, not whether I still had it.
13. At 15 minutes, 30 seconds Dr Goldman is shown asking me whether I want her to write to me with the results of the test. I confirmed that I did.
14. I never received any follow up to this appointment and the test which Dr Goldman had proposed. I am sure, at the time, that I assumed everything was fine as I did not hear from her.
15. In fact, there is no evidence in my medical records that a test was carried out in 1990. There are no test results and, as set out in my First Written Statement, I was not aware that I had ever tested positive for Hepatitis C until 1995.

22.09.1992 Video

16. This is a video of a consultation with Dr Goldman and Riva Miller (social worker). My mother was also present.
17. The notes of this meeting are in my clinical records and clearly refer to the presence of Riva Miller and my mother and also record that the consultation was being videotaped.
18. In the notes under "investigations" it states "repeat anit-HCV". This suggests that a test had already been carried out but, as stated previously, I can find no record of the same in the copy medical records that I have been provided with.

19. I also note that Professor Tuddenham's letter to the Skipton Fund dated 04.10.2009 refers to Hepatitis C being "looked into" in 1991. Again, I can find nothing in my records to support this.

Hepatitis C

20. Professor Lee's letter dated 09.12.2004 states that the first record of a positive Hepatitis C antibody test in my records was in 1995 and that I was not tested for the virus itself until 1998 when I was found to be negative.

21. In the video footage Dr Goldman initially referred to Non A Non B Hepatitis. The first time I really understood anything about Hepatitis C was in 1995 as set out in my First Written Statement. The first time I had any discussion with Dr Goldman about being Hepatitis C positive was at my review on 26.07.1995.

22. There is now shown to me marked **WITN1756007**, a copy of my 1997 Hepatitis C test result which is marked "final". This was before I was tested for the virus itself using PCR.

23. Her letter is consistent with the records that I have been provided with.

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Skipton Fund

25. I confirm that I never received a payment from the Skipton Fund. A copy of the letter from Professor Tuddenham dated 17 June 2010 is now shown to me marked **WITN1756008**. His view was that it would be "manifestly unfair" for me to be refused any compensation on the highly restricted interpretation of the Fund's rule.

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Statement of Truth

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

Signed.....

Dated.....

24/10/19