

Witness Name: Suzanne Lloyd

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INFECTED BLOOD INQUIRY

SECOND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SUZANNE LLOYD

Section 1. Introduction

1. My name is Suzanne Lloyd. My date of birth is GRO-C 1977. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am the daughter of Janet and Keith Root. I make this supplementary witness statement in relation to my dad, Keith, who was the infected individual. He is now deceased. I make this supplementary statement as an affected individual.
3. My brother Martin Macleod has provided a full witness statement and a supplementary witness statement to the Infected Blood Inquiry (IBI) as an affected individual on behalf of a deceased individual – our dad – Keith Root. Martin has put himself forward for consideration in relation to providing oral evidence to assist the IBI. Martin's witness number is WITN2028.
4. My mother, Janet Root, has also provided a witness statement and a supplementary witness statement to the IBI as an affected individual on behalf of a deceased individual. My mum's witness number is WITN1965.

5. In preparation for our initial witness statements, my brother Martin made a series of Subject Access Requests for my dad's medical records in September 2018. One of these requests was to Primary Care Support England. After, what feels like, a 6-month battle with PCSE, we finally received dad's GP records in April 2019. These records were not available to us when we prepared our witness statements back in February and March 2019. Having read my dad's GP records, I feel there is important additional information now available to the IBI. These GP records offer a richer insight of the impact hepatitis C had on my dad, they also illustrate some of the difficulties encountered by the health services supporting him and highlight some inaccuracies and blatant lies about my dad which have been available for others to see for many years. We feel, as a family, that without input from these records, we have not had the opportunity to prepare our statements with all available information and the IBI is currently missing some important evidence.
6. I make this supplementary witness statement as an affected individual in relation to the impact I have felt following the discovery of these additional medical records and my thoughts and feelings on the impact these records could have had on my dad's treatment after he was infected with hepatitis C.
7. Martin has dealt with dad's background, history and the medical records available at the time of his initial witness statement. I ask IBI to consider my supplementary witness statement alongside the first and second witness statements of Martin Macleod and Janet Root.

Section 5. Impact

8. Having finally read my dad's GP records I have been dismayed and deeply upset to find inaccuracies and untruths about my dad and his treatment for

hepatitis C. I am shocked by some of the actions of some medical professionals during the diagnosis of my dad's condition and in the early years of his treatment.

9. As a family we can only offer the IBI a few papers of evidence but I truly believe that due to the fact of these papers existing and have been available to medical professionals for up to 21 years, the lies and untrue statements held in them would most certainly have influenced some treatments offered at that time apart from tainting my dad's good name, his character and nature in the eyes of the people he was relying on to help him. He must of sounded an unworthy person for their care.
10. The letter written by Dr McLintock to Dr J Worthington, Specialist Registrar in Gastroenterology, dated 23 December 2003, (enclosed in my brother's evidence EXHIBIT WITN 2028010) indicates to me that Dr Worthington had complained that dad failed a drugs trial due to a lack of commitment. This was his first drug trial. The truth is he was so ill on this drug trial that Dr Gillen stopped the trial because of concerns for his health. He suffered very bad side-affects, as I believe did most people on this trial. This is a false representation of the brave man I knew, who I watched struggle through everything asked of him.
11. My dad put his heart and soul into every drugs trial. He went through 4 trials in all. They all gave him side-affects, some mild and some horrendous but he never gave up as he saw these trials as his only lifeline to a cure.
12. The letter National HCV Lookback Programme's Documentation of Recipient Counselling from Dr N A B Anderson (enclosed in my brother's evidence EXHIBIT WITN 2028014) says that dad had a history of injecting drug use, suggesting he was a drug addict. My dad was against drug taking

and he never injected drugs. I have strong memories of dad lecturing us as children against them. It has caused a lot of upset in our family to think this has been put on his records. This is simply not true.

13. The same form states that dad had other blood transfusion episodes, I do not understand how they came to this conclusion. At the time of this form, dad only one blood transfusion which is the one in 1991.
14. This form also states that my dad had piercings. This is untrue, he did not have any piercings. He always thought they looked out of place on men.
15. At no time was mum or dad given any counselling to help them. Using this form to suggest that any counselling took place is yet another untrue statement.
16. These untruths, these lies about my dad, have been on his medical records for up to 21 years for all healthcare professionals to read and help them form an opinion of my dad. I find it very disconcerting as none of the statements are true.
17. My dad was sent for an assessment for a liver transplant first to a transplant team at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth and then onto a transplant team at Kings College Hospital, London. He was turned away although the surgeon at Derriford said that in his opinion, if he did not get a transplant he would only have about 3 years to live! My mum still has the liver transplant assessment document and in it its states; 'the Transplant Team will be concerned if you are ambivalent or not really committed to either the assessment or surgery'. It makes me wonder if they had access to these statements, if they read them and if these statements influenced their decision as they have such strict criteria. The assessment was very rigorous

so they must of gathered materials from all areas of dad's care including his GP.

18. As well as his deteriorating physical health, I have watched my dad's mental health suffer as he lived with hepatitis C. It has had a profound effect on myself as well as my mum and my brothers as we watched him suffer. It makes it even worse when none of this was dad's fault.

19. I find it difficult to understand why, and for what reason, would these healthcare professionals write these statements and place them on a very sick man's medical records – what was to be gained?

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

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