

NHSBT Board Meeting

May 2019

Patient Story

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This month our patient story comes from the Infected Blood Inquiry hearings that are currently ongoing, hearing from witnesses whom have been infected or affected by the events that are the subject of the Inquiry.

Stories can be read through the witness statements which are put on this website the evening the evidence is heard;

<https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/evidence?evidence-format=All&evidence-type=All&witness=All&page=3>

Alternatively, proceedings are recorded and live streamed and archived here;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmFkDoDeSsnYVZtNgo3150g/videos>

The story I would like you to hear this month is from one of the witnesses who tells her story of getting Hepatitis C virus from a blood transfusion in 1992. Her name is Caz Challis and her statement given on May 1st can be read here;

<https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/WITN0622001.pdf>

Her evidence is the first of this session;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU8jIWF8FoI>

She tells of how she was infected whilst pregnant with her third child and being diagnosed and then treated for cancer. She goes on to tell of her experience of getting her diagnosis through the look-back process which was run by a predecessor organisation to NHSBT. Then, the side effects of treatment, the terrible effects on her life and family and the difficulties she has experience with the compensation scheme which will not accept her. I urge you to read the full statement or watch the video

A seminar on the IBI will be given after the Board meeting

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