



## **FACTOR 8 POSITIVE WOMEN**

### **Who are we:**

We are two HIV positive women, infected through our husband's use of Factor 8 products. One of us is an infected widow, having lost her husband in his fight against AIDS.

We work alongside <https://www.birchgrovegroup.org/> to campaign for the voice of HIV and co-infected haemophiliacs to be strongly heard as our numbers depreciate.

### **Why we were formed:**

During our long fight for justice we realised that our voices were not being heard and that, as wives of co-infected haemophiliacs, the struggles and heartaches that we continue to have to deal with were not understood.

Classed as "infected intimates" by the government, we are not treated the same way as men infected as a result of their treatment using contaminated blood products. We do not believe this is fair or humane.

Infected during the 1980s, existing in a world of stigma and secrecy, we looked after our husbands as they discovered their infection with HIV and, later, hepatitis as well as dealing with the underlying fear of vCJD. We then discovered we were HIV infected ourselves. This impacted our very soul and we still feel the repercussions of it today.

We are a childless generation as a result of our HIV. The scandal involved us making decisions that have impacted on us having a normal family life. We have been deprived of the joy that this brings – from experiencing motherhood to becoming a grandparent.

This has had a devastating effect on our lives and happiness and we continue to live with the stigma and loss surrounding our infection.

**These are our stories recounted in the <https://www.infectedbloodinquiry.org.uk/>**

**Frankie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8U8ROUV8kI>**

**Clair <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpEk6sWAm40>**

**If you too are in our position and wish to get in touch please email  
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Thank you for reading

Frankie

**An independent campaign group of HIV positive Women fighting for Truth and Justice in the  
Factor 8 contaminated blood products Scandal.**