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Statement, in response to, the 7 statements made by Angela's family entourage that incidentally take note are dated the 070710 when in reality they were only delivered on the 150910.

I, Michael Clarke, of the above address being the son and carer of my mother Ann Clarke over the last 14 years do respond to the complaints with the following.

In March 2008 mum and me decided to emigrate to Spain to live permanent. All the family was in agreement & in fact Angela my sister actually moved to Spain herself for a period. At that time the exchange rate was 1.45 to the pound and we then received a household income from the receiver of £3040 per month converting to 4400 euros.

This money covered various expenses allowed such as care related items and other household expenses. In an agreement from 2003 with the receiver this income he was supposed to increase annually by 3% but never did so in reality was diminishing in value each year. Complaints were emailed but ignored.

The pound started a downward trend against the euro over the 2 year period reaching an all time low of parity meaning 1 pound to 1 euro and therefore from a 4400 euro income to 3000 euro income per month.

Constantly complaining to the receiver but being ignored we cut and cut and then cut some more. Determined to continue with our emigration we managed on what could loosely be described as a shoestring. Finally in April 2010 an agreement was reached with the receiver to increase the allowance to £4000 monthly where additional to this our rental contract was paid along with utilities, as was always previously done before.

The receiver within weeks changed his story saying that utilities, car insurance and car maintenance should now be met out of the increased allowance and our disagreement continued to an investigation by the court of neglect which had already started in February and temporary stopped for a couple of weeks thinking all was resolved.

The euro continued to plummet whilst Hugh Jones's line was such that we should get jobs, whilst not offering any suggestion as to who then would care for mum. Facing the possibility of having to return to the UK, I & my new partner James, whom arrived around May 2009, decided to look for some kind of business to start up. James had discovered that he was due a trust fund amount of £22,500 and this he would be prepared to use to bolster our plight to remain in Spain.

Whilst the euro continued to plummet during July 09 we became involved in a nightclub in Torremolinos operating between the hours of 11pm till 4am during which time my mother usually was in bed by.



I went on to provide Mr Hugh Jones with a required funding budget breakdown of 6000 euros per month to comfortably take care for mum but this too was ignored. Whilst trying to establish a business to once and for all get rid of the court of neglect and then care for mum without any of her estate we continued through what can only be described as near poverty in our opinion. Obviously not just mum but we too were suffering the consequences of Hugh Jones's lack of capacity to manage mums estate funding, as it was intended when awarded.

The business never really established itself due to a plummeting pound against the euro compounded equally with a lack of tourists and an on setting recession combined with the fact the location was difficult to find.

After 1 year we negotiated a sale with new owners for an amount which incurred losses but that it was enough to secure a new venue in an area known as more frequented by English clientele. It's at this point that a succession of relatives mainly on my sisters side started to arrive expecting mums hospitality to be a lot more than we could cope with.

In several attempts to attract my sister Angela's attention to the fact we were not managing on the current funding she point blank refused to even listen stating that we should have enough to live on.

Some four months into the new business we decided it was most definitely not going anywhere near the plan we thought it might follow and decided to vacate.

At this time, September 10, we found cheaper accommodation inland and duly moved there. The picture all this paints is fairly clear and I would state the following;

- In response to Angela's STATEMENT
- Mum is just as lonely as any other 70 year old person living without a partner of her own, a fact which I have tried in the past to resolve & that the family were against, but mum is never neglected by myself or my partner James.
- The gravy train referred to by Angie is the statement I would use about family that hop onto that gravy train in abusing mums hospitality when they arrive on their holiday wanting to prop up their stay by dipping into mums account or demanding mum pay for meals and taxis etc that one might think they would be treating their own mother to after she and us had provided accommodation.
- Some food left in the communal fridge may have past its sell by date but certainly not its use by date and that we state there were 3 coolers in the house in which the other 2 were not made available to relatives fearing again being eaten out of house and home without replenishing supplies.
- Our cleaner upon hearing that Angela and her family were coming to stay over the summer, resigned, as she had had experience of them before, Angela being the worst.
- Skiing in Sierra Nevada lasted a whole afternoon, only! Distressed Angie says mum was, I do not think so.
- Lighting mums cigarettes became a problem for a brief period until we found a company that sold British Cooks matches, a brand which mum can use.



- Mum wanted to try Thailand for a one off visit and yes she in turn had a total of 15 dresses made to measure a fact that I am proud of. Mum goes shopping regular.
- Mum wears Tenna pants and does not need bathing daily and nor does she want to be bathed daily. One problem with my family is they tend not to listen to what mum wants as I do, a fact, which helps mum, to decide who she'd rather live with? Someone who listens to her! The fact that Angie cannot lift mum in and out of the bath needs to be taken in to consideration, as mum prefers a bath and not forced into a shower as Angela would do, as force seems to be the word that would be associated with any care that Angie offers.
- A bathroom & bedroom on the same floor for mum is now provided for in the current new home that could not be provided previously due to funding.
- Can you imagine what mum would be like if I did not cut mums finger nails toenails and hair, I mean I just had to laugh! I am renowned for doing mums hair and nails what on earth is she talking about. Is she so desperate?
- Relatives receive Christmas monies every single year as Angie well knows and this is a lie with the exception of last year when we where desperately short of money when the euro reached parity with the pound and in a telephone conversation with Angie, which she now denies, showing the devious liar that she really is, I indicated our crisis to which she stated that everyone there was skint too and so therefore not to worry as presents would not be sent this year from their direction. I challenge her to show what presents were sent from their direction?
- Mum, has only ever been bitten by mosquitoes when Angela visits as she cannot stand mum smoking and proceeds to open all windows when at dusk time to allow mosquitoes in without any consideration to mum, a fact which I pointed out to Angie at the time. Angies pure discomfort to mums smoking leaves a definite hole in her potential care plight as she makes mum go to her back yard to smoke leaving mum vulnerable to pneumonia! Older people are far more likely to catch pneumonia a fact that I fear in Angie's care might be the demise of mum if we are not careful.
- The only time relatives do take mum out is actually when they are comfortable that mum can pay for the ride!
- Bedding and clothes are cleaned regularly and after 14 years what state would mum be in if they weren't.
- Teeth cleaning are kept on top of but that this process may not necessarily be a daily morning process, I do not stand over mum when she wakes and this process may be completed later when taking mum out.
- Van. Hugh Jones facilitated our move to Spain via a fund of £2000 which I am sure Hugh will confirm that how it was used to get there was irrelevant to him as I did inform him of our intention to purchase a truck to move and then sell it later. The fund was ours to use as we wished.
- I purchased a piano for £295 the house. Am I not allowed? The business bought a piano. Is it not allowed? James bought a car and also loaned mum £2000 when desperate. Is this not allowed? Business flat for staff was paid for from the business! Out of date meat was for relatives not mum!
- Business loaned mum money and vice versa! Is this not allowed?
- Mike and James go out sometimes yes! Mike James and mum go out too!

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- Angie would like to force mum into staying at Angie's house against her will a fact that will be over my dead body, mum will have her choices on care respected as long as I'm alive!
- Angie has showed in the past her ability to be a devious liar that will conduct fraud by forging mums signature on credit applications in mums name.
- Angie has had relationship problems with her 4th husband David Platt, her father, her brothers her daughters and her sons. She has endured years of counselling for psychological problems in which one of my witness statements namely Paul Moorby, refers to simply as "middle child syndrome" which upon reading, I firmly do now believe.
- If one takes the view that the care I offered to mum has been recently in the past, sub standard. I do believe that the care Angie might provide would be **sub, sub standard** by way of these facts;

1. She will not and cannot lift mum in and out of the bath, thereby forcing mum into a shower against mums wishes.
2. She has in the past regularly allowed mums hair to dry on its own without drying it properly and it has become matted or could cause pneumonia.
3. She has psychological problems resulting in relationship problems.
4. She is capable of devious, unscrupulous acts that involve deception inclusive of financial things as well as emotional things.
5. Her current financial status is dire alongside her rocky 4th marriage.
6. Her home is also, her **twelve dogs** home, resulting in doggie urine and excrement being present inside the house, in areas in relation to where mums proposed care is to be offered.
7. Force is a word Angela will use in the belief of mums incapacity, where the court agrees that mums medical statements in particular clinical Dr Hana Al-Hamar leave her in actual fact, sat on the fence in their eyes.
8. In Angie's statement in 2000 upon applying to the court to take charge of mums estate as receiver she clearly stated then she did not want to care for mum, but that she did want the receivership job to delegate funds!
9. Her appeal to care for mum is based on MONEY and that she can do it cheaper, as she stated this to me in a recent telephone call.
10. If mum, wishes to live or & be cared for by Angie then I would not hesitate but to act upon mums wishes without delay which I do believe mums wishes are paramount to her basic human rights a fact which I believe the family would infringe upon in the interests of preserving their inheritance.

In response to Kevin's and his wife Tracey's STATEMENT

- Kevin spends most of his holiday to mum's home in the bars and pubs without taking mum and would find it difficult to say the least to comment on mums care for 2 reasons.
- He was rarely there and when he was he was 'pissed'. A problem that is suffered by alcoholics.
- Kevin answers the real reasons why there is a conspiracy concoction of lies in these statements in his second to the last line of his statement, MONEY.

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- I challenge Kevin to confirm how much care he or any of his family have offered over the last 14 years when the first 7 of them I did without any money?
- Kevin would like to see his mother forcibly placed with Angela because she says she can do it cheaper.
- The larger family he talks of never visited me & mum when we resided in the house's at
 1. 52 Priestley Way Shaw,
 2. 648 Ripponden Rd Oldham,
 3. 4 Watersheddings St Oldham,
 4. 12 Watlington Close Oldham,
 5. 113 Riverbank Tower Salford
 6. 31 Cherry Tree Rd Blackpool.
- It did not matter how near mum was to the 'larger family' they did not visit!
- Tracey's statement I believe I have already covered.

In response to David Platt's STATEMENT

- Similar to my brother, David Platt has a drink problem, which reflects, in his judgement of affairs, usually upon returning back home from the catalogue of bars where he will spend his days, again without including his mother in law.
- As in one of my witness statements from Cheryl Cavanagh it's easy to throw stones from a glasshouse.
- David Platt feels compelled to back Angela up as their marriage breakdown is evident where he has already previously been served divorce papers from my sister whom fails to do what she feels good at, to control him!

In response to Sarah's and her boyfriend Paul's STATEMENT

- Both Sarah and Paul where given insured transport to scoot around and enjoy there holiday but unfortunately did not have much money and as a result were dipping into mums resources food wise etc
- The statement generally is answered above but I believe is in the main, lies concocted to support Sarah's mothers plight whom she is extremely close to.

In response to Danielle's STATEMENT

- I fail to understand the bulk of this statement as its poor copy that was faxed to me and I believed Danielle to spend very little time there, as they too where offered insured transportation to go off and enjoy there holiday which they did and we rarely saw them.
- She refers also to me **dragging** mum to a sink to wash her hair. Denied!
- I believe the motivation for the statement offered is that she too like her sister wants to bolster her mothers plight whom she has only recently made friends with prior to the birth of her son where her and her mother have rarely been friends at all in the past. Their relationship has been nothing short of, extremely poor probably because of her lesbian past and my sisters known anti gay issues.
- Tablets referred to by Danielle mum takes religiously without any problem.

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Further to the above Angela has disrupted mum's life and mine 4 times previously;

1. 1996 when she secured the purchase of mums house in order to give mum a permanent home and me in which we all could equally take care of mum until her anti GAY issues surfaced some 2-3 months after starting to live there.
2. 1997 when she dumped mum at my pub The Oldham Hotel stating she cannot look after her she'll have to go into a home.
3. 1998 at 12 Watlington Close when Angela and her 3rd husband split and thus Angie had no home and I allowed her in to take care of mum with her children which lasted weeks until mum turned up in Tenerife stating she could no longer live with Angie but Angie did get a new home out of it as mum had to leave.
4. 2000 when Angie offered mum a similar family scenario to return to the UK from Tenerife after she had complained to acting solicitor Lindsay Wise about a credit card debt in which she failed to mention it was her that fraudulently signed the credit card application in my mums name. Again this only lasted weeks and upon my return to the UK to a one bed roomed flat in Salford mum arrived stating she could no longer stay with Angie.

And because of Angie's own family and financial problems she has offered mum the earth in order to secure care of mum at a time that was convenient to Angie.

I have seriously begun to believe that Angie has a problem with me and me alone and this is why I believe in the statements made by independent observers Paul Moorby and Cheryl Cavanagh their views feel more like the reality of "sibling rivalry" or more importantly "middle child syndrome", this I feel is backed up by the year upon year of counselling that our Angela has undergone and to be honest without success.

The problem for mum comes when Angie's financial and emotional problems are over then mum literally gets dumped, and I personally fear this will be the case in the not too distant future for mum and thus if I cannot step in because I have made new commitments then mums future might become that of an "old folks home" which mum resolutely does not want. Mum is like her own mum my Grandma in this capacity they are/were very private people really and my Grandma wanted to die at home even with the suffering she endured of stomach cancer. Mum is the same and an old folks home does not appeal to her in the slightest, that being her fear is mine too!

I have prayed for my sister to become my sister again but nothing seems to work. It seems that having cared for my mother for the number of years I have, have done nothing but deepen the wounds that have become apparent with my sister whom once was closer than any other family member what so ever and that's likely to never be again I am sorry to say.

The damage done has only been compounded by the court of neglect and in doing so backed Hugh Jones's poor handling of mums estate in the interests of protecting his long-term fees and the families inheritance.

Signed;



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