



INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Alex Younger, will say as follows:

1. I am the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS). I was appointed to this post in November 2014, having been in the Service since 1991. I am the only serving member of the Service who is officially named in public, and am SIS's Accounting Officer. I am also responsible for SIS operations and the ongoing efficiency of the Service.
2. In light of the commitment from Her Majesty's Government to cooperate with the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry to the upmost of their ability, I tasked officials in my department to assist with the HIA Inquiry with its investigation into Kincora.
3. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed all the material that SIS has been able to find arising from the searches conducted using the search terms agreed with the HIA Inquiry.
4. I confirm that I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed that material in unredacted form.
5. I confirm that SIS has thereafter disclosed to the HIA Inquiry copies of all the material which the HIA Inquiry wished to publish.
6. I confirm that the material disclosed by SIS has been provided with only those redactions considered appropriate by the HIA Inquiry.
7. I confirm that SIS has endeavored to assist the work of the HIA Inquiry to the best of its ability.

Signed



Alex Younger, Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service

Date

18 January 2017

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