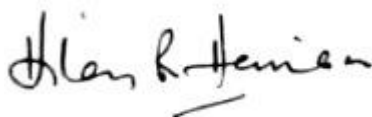


STATEMENT TO THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

I, Hilary R Harrison, will say as follows:

1. In my oral evidence to the Inquiry on 8 July 2016, I referred to having investigated a complaint by a boy during the time he was resident in Kincora from 1975 to 1977. The boy, at that time, was known as KIN 236 although I note that his statement to the police (KIN 11645) was made in the name of KIN 236. I seem to recall that the name 'KIN 236' might have been his birth name.
2. I was the social worker responsible for KIN 236 while he was resident in Kincora and continued to meet with him for a short time after he joined the army in 1977. I cannot recall the exact date, but at one stage during KIN 236 residence, I received an evening telephone call from KIN 236 to my home. He was in a very angry state and was alleging that Mr Mains had "kicked him on the head". I spoke to Mr Mains by telephone immediately following KIN 236 contact and he stated that KIN 236 and some other boys had been playing a game on the floor of the television lounge. Mr Mains had been seated on an easy-chair nearby. According to Mr Mains, KIN 236 was losing or had lost the game and had vented his frustration with a string of expletives. Mr Mains explained his action in words to the effect that he had tapped KIN 236 with his foot whilst admonishing him for using bad language. I arranged to call the following day at the hostel to see both of them.
3. I spoke to KIN 236 on his own the following day, by which stage he had calmed down, was a bit sheepish and stated that the contact had not been a kick. He described what had happened in much the same terms as the explanation Mr Mains had given. I had no sense that pressure had been placed on him to revise his account. KIN 236 angry outburst and impulsive reaction at the time were also consistent with what I knew of his personality. The relationship between KIN 236 and Mr Mains had clearly been restored but I remember discussing with Mr Mains the inadvisability of physical contact when a person is in a volatile state.
4. On the both occasions I was interviewed by the police I informed them of this incident, although it does not appear in my statements at KIN 11678 and KIN 20604. The reference in my oral evidence to the Hughes Inquiry to my having investigated a complaint by KIN 236 about member of staff in Kincora, is a reference to the same incident (KIN 72822). My reason for mentioning it was to illustrate my view that it would have been most unlikely for KIN 236 not to have informed me if something more serious had happened to him during his stay in Kincora.



Signed:

Date: 20 July 2016