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HIA REF: 382

Witness Name: HIA 382

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 382

I, HIA 382 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]
2. I am one of six children. I have four older siblings and one younger brother. [REDACTED] is the eldest followed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] me and [REDACTED]
3. We all lived at home with our mother and father in [REDACTED] My father was an alcoholic and when I was about nine years old my mother left the home and took us six children with her to a woman's refuge in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] We stayed there for a month or two and then my mother got a flat in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]
4. My mother couldn't cope with the six of us so three of us were put into Termonbacca in 1977. I went in with my older brother [REDACTED] and my older sister [REDACTED] The two oldest ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the youngest ([REDACTED] stayed with my mother. I didn't understand why we were all split up and why three of us were sent away. I can't ask my parents now as they are both dead. My mother passed away about seven years ago and my father died about sixteen years ago.

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St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca, Derry (20/6/1977 – 10/6/1978 & 5/11/1981 – 8/11/1981)

5. I was nine years old when I was placed in Termonbacca. I remained there for one year.
6. I hated Termonbacca. The nuns that I remember in Termonbacca were **SR 6** **SR 6** and **SR 2**. I think there was also a nun from [REDACTED] but it could have been either of those nuns. There were two dormitories in Termonbacca. There were bedrooms upstairs and downstairs. I was in a bedroom with three other boys. I shared a room with **SND 33** and **DL 48**. At one time I shared with ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] but then he moved dormitories. **SND 404** was in a different dormitory to me. Termonbacca was mixed with boys and girls.
7. My brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] and I were constantly running away from Termonbacca and Rosemount Primary School. I couldn't stand school and I hated being in Termonbacca. We didn't go back to the home after school on the minibus. Sometimes we ran back to our mother's house on [REDACTED] or hung around town. The police or my social worker [REDACTED] would always find us and bring us back. When ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] and I were brought back to the home after running away we were punished. I ran away about two or three times a week so I was regularly punished. There were a few nuns who beat me including **SR 6** **SR 6** and **SR 2**. The nuns would hit you where it didn't mark you, like a knuckle round the head or a slap on the back of the head. **SR 6** used her knuckles to hit me on the back of my head. The nun would take me into a small launderette off the main corridor where nobody could see you. The nuns also belittled me and made me feel worthless particularly **SR 6**. She said things like 'your mother couldn't cope and couldn't feed you and that is why you are in here'.
8. The daily routine in Termonbacca was we got up at a quarter to seven, washed and dressed and went down for breakfast in the dining hall. Breakfast was usually cereal or toast. We were all lined up then and given orange vitamin

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tablets by a nun – it could have been **SR 2** or **SR 6** or another nun whom I cannot remember the name of. We were also looked after by civilian staff. There was a blond haired man called [REDACTED] who also worked in Nazareth House and there was a woman with permed hair and I think her name was [REDACTED]. Then we got the minibus to school. The civilian staff were helpful and treated me well.

9. I got used to being hungry in Termonbacca. I was always being sent to bed with no supper as punishment for running away. Sometimes one of the other children would sneak some food upstairs for me such as bread or sandwiches.
10. Nobody ever asked me what I was running away from or where I was running to. The more I got punished for running away from Termonbacca the worse I got.
11. I left Termonbacca in 1978 when I was about ten years old. I went back to my mother's house in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. All six children were back living with my mother. I stayed there for four years. However, I was always mitching school and getting into trouble with the police. My brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] was also getting into trouble so the social worker [REDACTED] brought us to court and we were sent to Rubane under a Court Order. My records show that I was in Termonbacca a second time from 5th November 1981 until 8th November 1981 but I do not remember this.

Rubane House, Kircubbin (1982 – 1984)

12. I was sent to Rubane along with my brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] when I was about fourteen years old. We were taken there by [REDACTED] in her [REDACTED] car. I stayed there for two years and left when Rubane closed in 1984.
13. Rubane was different to Termonbacca. You weren't belittled or run down there. I felt that I was respected by the Brothers and that is why I never ran away from Rubane.

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14. The Brothers I remember are **BR 5** **BR 6** **BR 10** **BR 50** and **BR 33**. I was in chalet 2 and **BR 5** was in charge of it. I got on well with him and we played golf together at a course in Cloughey.
15. I went to school onsite in Rubane and I did O-Levels in Art and English Literature. There was a big sports hall and a swimming pool and a tuck shop onsite as well. I had my own car in Rubane which I had bought off my brother **HIA 381**. The Brothers found me a garage to park the car in and I was allowed to drive it around the grounds.
16. There was abuse in Rubane. One day during PE when we were playing indoor football, the PE teacher **DL 360** got very physical tackling me and I didn't like it so I kicked in every door on his car. He saw me doing this through the window at the gym. He punched me on the face and broke my nose. I told **BR 5** what happened and he didn't do anything. I received no medical treatment. I never played indoor football again and tried to avoid **DL 360**. This was the only time I was physically abused in Rubane.
17. I witnessed **BR 6** who was a teacher, slapping boys around the back of the head. He also took boys into a storeroom off the classroom and I could hear the slaps. I remember **DL 29** and **DL 361** being hit. I also saw **BR 10** hit boys where no-one would see a mark. He never hit me.
18. I did not suffer any sexual abuse in Rubane and I was not aware that any sexual abuse was taking place. Some boys were mentally abused by a member of staff. I do not recall the name of the staff member. He told the boys that they were a 'waste of space' and 'useless'. I remember a boy called **DL 361** from **DL 361** being abused in this way. His nickname was **DL 361**. I was not verbally abused in this way. I told **BR 5** what was said and he told me to leave it with him.
19. I left Rubane when I was sixteen years old in 1984. It closed down and I was one of the last residents to leave.

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Life after care

20. I moved to [REDACTED] after I left Rubane. I got a two bedroom flat in [REDACTED] and I lived with another Catholic boy called **DL 365**. He was in Rubane before me. We ran the five a side football team in the estate. My flat was broken into three or four times and there was sectarian graffiti written on my wall so I couldn't take any more and I moved back to [REDACTED] when I was nearly eighteen.
21. When I moved back to [REDACTED] my mother and my two brothers were living there. My other siblings had moved back to [REDACTED]
22. I got involved in criminal activity and I have criminal convictions. I did voluntary work as a handyman in a drop-in centre in [REDACTED] and I still call in and help out when I can. I still see some of the boys from Rubane in the centre. They might be homeless or have problems with drug and alcohol addiction. There's about three Rubane boys still hanging around Derry – **DL 362** **DL 363** and **DL 364**
23. I have suffered from depression since my early twenties. I was prescribed anti-depressants by my Doctor however I stopped taking them as I couldn't sleep. I am an alcoholic. I have stopped drinking for periods of time and I have received counselling. I spent periods of time in Damian House and the ATU in Gransha Hospital to detox. I have felt suicidal at times but I have never made any suicide attempts.
24. I have six children and three grandchildren – twin boys and a girl. Five of my children live in Derry and one is in Strabane. My two youngest are in their teens and come to visit me. I am not close to any of my siblings except for **HIA 381** I would speak to **SND 404** if I met her.
25. I have never reported these matters to the police and I have not spoken to a solicitor.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed **HIA 382** _____

Dated 5/12/2013 _____

INTERNAL CASE REVIEW.

To be completed by member of staff responsible for the child

Name of child: HIA 382

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date of Admission: 20th., June. 1977.

Responsible Local Authority: Western Health & Social Services (Derry)

Referred by: [REDACTED]

Responsibility: [REDACTED]

House or Group: [REDACTED] SR 14

1. Contact and relationship with child's own family:

- a) With parents: [REDACTED] visits every Sunday, and HIA 382 enjoys these visits.
- b) With siblings or other relatives: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the older brother and sister, visits occasionally.
- c) With other outside contacts: [REDACTED] has visited twice within the last 3 weeks.

2. Emotional Development and behaviour:

HIA 382 is of a very quiet, and reserved nature, although in the beginning he was out of hand. Is well behaved and quite mature for his age.

3. Relationships in the children's home:

- a) With residential staff: Gets on well with, and responds to the staff.
- b) With other children: Is more of a favourite with the children than HIA 381 is.

4. Health:

- a) General Health and physical development: Good.
- b) Record of any serious illness: None.
- c) Date of last Medical Examination and findings:

5. Education:a) Educational progress and school reports:

Is a very slow reader, but is quite bright at sums.

b) General comments and relationships with teachers and pupils:

HIA 382 has a good relationship with his teacher and gets on well with the other pupils.

6. Religious Development and Education:

Knows enough for his age.

7. Hobbies, special interests and abilities:

HIA 382 is quite good at football, and loves to watch it on T. V.

8. Other Remarks:9. Recommendations:

To stay here until the Mother gets her problems sorted out.

ST., JOSEPH'S, TERMONBACCA.

HIA 382Name of Child;Date of Birth;Date of Admission; 20th., June. 1977..Nearest Relative; Mother -Social Service; Western Health (Derry).Social Worker;CASE HISTORY..25th., June. 1977..**HIA 382** was admitted on the 20th., June.. On admission he was dirty and untidy. Was cheeky.29th., July. 1977..**HIA 382** has settled down well.. Has just spent 3 weeks holidays in Shrove.26th., October. 1977..**HIA 382** is a very nice little boy, and gives very little trouble. Has settled down to the group situation well, and is a favourite with the other children. Loves to play games with the little ones.20th., January. 1978.As **HIA 382** mother has obtained a house in the [REDACTED] has had him transferred to Rosemount School..**HIA 382** is getting on well and does not present any behavioural problems..

[REDACTED]

HOME OFFICE

Form R.H.M.

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MEDICAL RECORD

Name HIA 382 Date of Admission 20-6-77

(Block capitals, surname first)

Date of Birth [REDACTED] Sex [REDACTED] Register Number 1572

PERSONAL HISTORY

Number in family 6
 Place in family 5
 Age of walking
 Age of talking
 Bowel control
 Bladder control
 (Age of the menarche)

PREVIOUS MEDICAL HISTORY

Whooping Cough Tuberculosis
 Measles Rheumatism
 Diphtheria Chorea
 Scarlet Fever Fits
 Mumps Bed wetting
 Chickenpox Other
 German Measles

Prophylaxis:

Diphtheria
 Smallpox
 Whooping Cough
 Tetanus
 Poliomyelitis
 B.C.G. Vaccination
 Other

Operations
 Injuries

SCHOOL HISTORY

(e.g. Absence through illness; attendance at a
 Special School; results of any mental test.)

FAMILY HISTORY (Important illnesses or defects)

Father
 Mother
 Siblings
 Others

CONDITION ON ADMISSION

(e.g. General appearance; demeanour; cleanliness;
 any marks of injury or violence.)

Very unclean and untidy - cut on hand
- turning septic.

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CLINICAL NOTES

Record of illnesses and treatment; immunizations; results of special examinations, e.g. ophthalmic; notes on medical inspections.

Date	
24/6/77	Examined by Dr. Berlin. A/Patient
	presented for cut in hand.

4 - INFORMATION ON FAMILY**1. PARENTS****MOTHER****FATHER**

(a) Full Name

(b) D.o.B. and Place

(c) Address

Armagh

N/K

Dungannon

Derry.

(d) Civil Status: Single, Married, Widowed, Living Apart, Legally Separated or Divorced (If Legally Separated or Divorced, Date and Place of Order)

Legally separated since 1977

(e) Religious Denomination

R.C.

(f) Occupation

Housewife

N/K

(g) National Insurance No.

N/K

(h) Income (Including Statutory Benefits)

Supplementary Benefits

(i) Child Benefit Number and Weekly Amount

Child Benefit

2. SIBLINGS**SISTERS****BROTHERS**

Full Name

SND 403

SND 402

D.o.B. and Place

Address

School/Occupation

Unemployed

Unemployed

Full Name

SND 404

HIA 381

D.o.B. and Place

Address

Derry.

School/Occupation

N/K

St. Peter's Secondary

Full Name

HIA 382

D.o.B. and Place

Address

Derry.

School/Occupation

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDPERIODICAL REVIEW OF CHILDDistrict Londonderry...Period 14/10/77 to 12/4/78

In Care of (Board) W.H.S.S.B. Date received into care 20/6/77) complete
 Subject to supervision order (complete where applicable)) as
 Supervision order dated foryears) applicable

Name of child HIA 382 Religion R.C. Date of Birth
 Case No Type of case Family statutory frequency of visitation.
Monthly

Boarded Out/Resident at/H.O.P.:

St. Josephs Childrens Home Date of { 8/11/77 6/12/77 5/1/78
Termonbacca visits { 8/2/78 7/5/78 13/3/78
 since {
 last {
 report {
 Date of present placing 20/6/77 No. of times child seen 6

PARENTS' ADDRESSES: Father

 Mother

1. HEALTH: Date of last Medical 25/2/78

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS. Description Satisfactory

 Date last seen

2. POCKET MONEY:

Does amount received by the)
 child conform to the scale of) Yes
 boarding out allowance?)
 Remarks

CLOTHING OUTFIT:

Is it kept up to standard? Yes
 Date last seen 13/3/78
 Remarks

2 - MAIN PRECIPITATING FACTOR NECESSITATING ADMISSION

(Tick as appropriate)

NO PARENT AVAILABLE

- (a) No Parent or Guardian ☐
- (b) Abandoned or Lost ☐

- (c) Death of Mother ☐
- (d) Deserted by Mother ☐

Father not
living with
Family or
unable to care
for child

INCAPACITY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

- (e) Confinement ☐
- (g) Requiring Special Care ☐

- (f) Short-term Illness ☐
- (h) Receiving Treatment for
Mental Illness ☐

(i) Tuberculosis ☐

(j) Long-term illness (specify) _____

(k) Other Cause (specify) _____ ☐

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

- (l) T.B. Contact ☐
- (m) Illegitimate and Mother unable to provide ☐
- (n) Parent or Guardian in Prison or Remanded in Custody ☐
- (o) Family Homeless because of Eviction ☐
- (p) Family Homeless through a cause other than Eviction (Specify) _____ ☐
- (q) Unsatisfactory Home Conditions ☐
- (r) Where Parental Rights Order is in Force (Section 105(4)) ☐
- (s) Other cause of Admission (Specify) Mother attending Childrens grandfather's funeral in Monaghan. ☒

3 - SECTION OF ACT UNDER WHICH ADMITTED

(Tick as appropriate)

- (a) Section 103 ☒ Short Term
- (b) Section 103(6) ☐ Long Term

- (c) Section 103 ☐ Long Term
- (d) Section 103(6) ☐ Long Term

Date of Order

- (e) Fit Person Order (Non-Offender)
- (i) Section ⁹⁵96 (Care Protection or Control) ☐
- (ii) Truant under Section 95 and Schedule 9 of the Education and Libraries (N.I.) Order 1972 ☐
- (iii) Section 97(2) (a) (ii) (Breach of Supervision) ☐
- (iv) Section 101 (Interim Order) ☐
- (f) Fit Person Order (Offender) Section 74 (1) (b) ☐
- (g) Section 99 (Place of Safety) ☐

NOTE: If Child's initial admission is effected on a Place of Safety Order (Section 99) or an Interim Order (Section 101) Details of subsequent Fit Person Order should also be recorded above, as appropriate.