

HIA REF: _____

NAME : **SND 500**

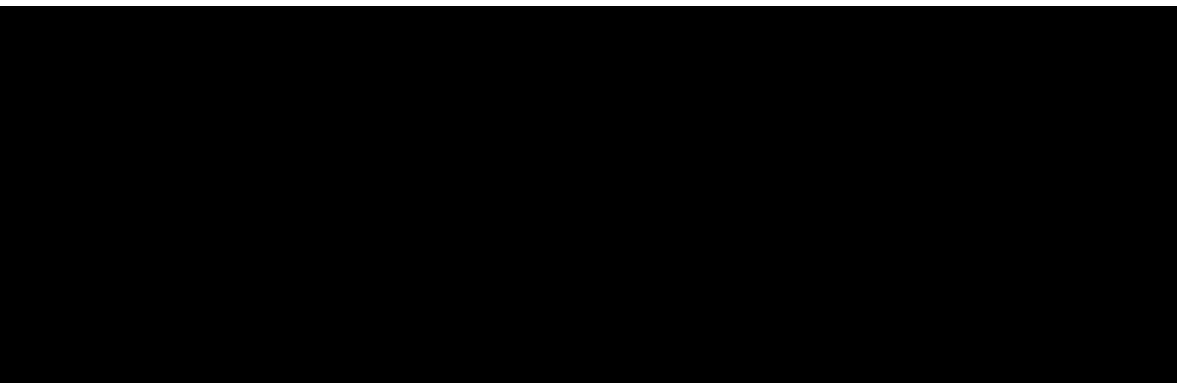
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THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **SND 500**

SND 500 will say as follows: -

My name is **SND 500** have been the lead Social Work Coordinator for the HIA Inquiry on behalf of the WHSST since April 2013.



I have not worked in residential care nor have I ever visited or had statutory responsibility for children placed in Sisters of Nazareth, Termonbacca.

Within the remits of my knowledge and experience this is the information I have which may be useful to the inquiry.

(iii) A number of witness statements make the allegation that the witness never saw or had any contact with a social worker during their time in the Sisters of Nazareth homes. What does the HSCB say in relation to these allegations on behalf of it and its predecessors?

In the majority of cases where applicants were resident in Termonbacca there is an absence of records relating to the relevant statutory authority/placing agency of the time and an absence of

evidence of Social Work visits. Whilst I am unable to fully account for the lack of Statutory/placing authority records I have some anecdotal knowledge gained due to my experience in tracing adoption records of previous residents of Termonbacca and Nazareth House, Bishop Street and in viewing the files submitted to the enquiry.

I would have had experience of cases where children were placed with the Sisters of Nazareth in Faughan, Co Donegal. These children would then have moved to Sisters of Nazareth in Derry and there would not have been any statutory involvement or knowledge unless the children were being placed for adoption or a request received for an admission to a statutory run home. I have liaised with our present adoption team who report similar case examples.

I have seen evidence of Social Work visits to two Applicants who had resided in Termonbacca and these were residents who were placed in the latter stages of the homes operation.

In my experience as a Social Worker from [REDACTED] I had statutory responsibility for children placed in Nazareth House Bishop Street whom I visited at least monthly. These are not residents who are applicants to the inquiry although I am happy to provide more information if it is useful to the inquiry.

We have located visitor's books from Nazareth House Bishop Street which detail visits by Social Workers and Managers from the Legacy Trust dated from June 1985 until 1995 and these have been submitted to the Inquiry.

(ix) Please feel free to address any other matters arising from the attached witness statements, including but not limited to questions of governance, oversight and funding which the HSCB believe may be relevant to the Inquiry's investigation of possible systemic failings.

Termonbacca Records

In the majority of cases, the records we have submitted to the inquiry in relation to applicants from Termonbacca are records which were given to the Trust when Termonbacca closed. These records consist of Manilla folders which contain very limited information, such as medial cards, letters and scraps of paper with notes written on them. It would seem that we have the records for residents who remained in Termonbacca throughout their childhood and for those who transferred to a statutory run home in our locality. I have been unable to determine how many of these records were placed in Trust care or exactly how they came to be placed with the Trust.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

SND 500

Dated: 12.11.13

HIA REF: [to be put on]

NAME: [SND 500]

DATE: 14 APRIL 2014

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF

I, [SND 500], [REDACTED] will say as follows:

1. In a search for material relating to Nazareth House I asked staff of our records department to search for any information they had relating to children's homes including, Nazereth House. During this search, information belonging to Nazereth House was located in a locked storage cabinet. The cabinet contained:

1. Day Books
2. Minutes of Staff Meetings
3. Minutes of Children's Meetings
4. Sanction Books etc.
5. Lists of Children's Staff
6. Medicines Administered
7. Box of Photos
8. Visits and Phone calls
9. Overtime File
10. Staff Guidelines
11. Violent Incident Reports
12. Practice Placement Reports University of Ulster x 3
13. Nazareth House Induction
14. New Staff Induction
15. Staff Rota
16. Staff Supervision Files
17. Thank you Letters

2. The records department have advised that this information was given to the Trust when Nazareth House, Bishop Street, closed. I have been unable to clarify how or why it was given to the Trust.

3. Having had professional oversight of the material, I submitted all relevant information to the Inquiry.

4. **Appendix one** is list of all the material from this cabinet which has been scanned and submitted to the Inquiry:

5. As well as the scanned material, samples of the originals were submitted as detailed in **Appendix Two**. The sample of originals was submitted to provide the Inquiry with actual examples of the books as scanned copies do not give a sense of the type of books etc. There were different types of books located that recorded visits of Social Workers and others to the unit. Recordings were not always made the same way or with the same level of detail. The visiting Social Worker is not always named.

6. In order to give an indication of the level of Statutory Social Work contact with the Unit. I have compiled lists from a random sample of the books which record Social Work visits to or telephone contact with Nazereth House during the period which the book covers. These are in **Appendix Three to Eighteen**.

7. The books also detail visits by [REDACTED] TL 4 who was the Assistant Principal Social Worker for Residential care. TL 4 visits were for the purposes of chairing reviews, monitoring, managing complaints and untoward incidents and in helping Nazereth develop their processes and systems. [REDACTED] TL 4 visits are typed in red ink.

8. There are references to inspection visits noted in the books which I have included in the table.

9. There are references to children's reviews noted in the books which I have included in the tables.

10. There were references to other visits to the unit such as fosters parents, voluntary agencies, medical staff which I have not included in the tables. The full detail is contained within the copies scanned and submitted.

11. Outline details of **Appendix Three to Eighteen**

Appendix 3

A5 Green note book for Unit 1, titled Visits & Phone Calls. Dated 01/04/1986-16/04/1988

Appendix 4:

A5 Brown note book for Flat 1 titled Visits & Phone Calls. Dated 18/04/1988 - 08/01/1990

Appendix 5:

A5 Brown Exercise book titled Important Events. Dated 1954 - 10/12/1989.

Appendix 6:

A5 Black & Red note book for Flat 1- Visits & Phone Calls. Dated 08/01/1990 - 08/01/1993.

Appendix 7:

A5 Blue note book for Flat 1 titled Visitors Book. Dated 10/01/1993 - 22/01/1998.

Appendix 8:

The following information was taken from an Orange A5 Exercise book. Titled All Phone Calls In And Out of Flat 1 to be Logged. Dated 07/02/1993 - 07/02/1993.

Appendix 9:

A5 Orange Exercise book titled Flat 1 Phone calls in and out. Dated 18/12/1995 - 02/06/1997.

Appendix 10:

A5 Green note book titled Visitors Book, Group 2. Dated 09/06/1985 - 20/07/1992.

Appendix 11:

A5 Black & Red note book titled Phone Calls & Visits. Dated 01/04/1989 - 22/12/1992.

Appendix 12:

A4 ring binder Red file titled Unit 1, Individual Observations. Dated 16/09/1985 - 07/04/1986.

Appendix 13:

A4 Green ring binder file titled Unit 2 Day Book. Dated 27/03/1985-17/04/1986

Appendix 14:

A4 Red and Black note book, titled Day Book, Unit 2. Dated 11/09/1987 - 14/11/1987.

Appendix 15:

A4 red and Black notebook titled Day book, Unit 2. Dated 15/11/1987 - 10/02/1988.

Appendix 16:

A4 Black notebook, titled Unit 2 Day Book. Dated 14/02/1989 – 26/04/1989.

Appendix 17:

A4 Brown notebook titled Day Book. Dated 08/03/1991 - 30/10/1992.

Appendix 18:

A4 Blue notebook titled Log Book, Unit 2. Dated 02/10/1993 - 09/05/1994.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:


SND 500

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Social Work Lead for Western Trust

Dated: 14th April 2014

CONFIDENTIAL

WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

RESIDENTIAL REVIEW FORM

UNIT OF MANAGEMENT: SISTERS OF NAZARETH

RESIDENTIAL UNIT: NAZARETH HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME - FLAT

CHILD'S FULL NAMES: HIA 127 SEX: MALE D.O.B.: [REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME & ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: [REDACTED]

RELIGION OF CHILD: Details of arrangements for his/her spiritual welfare
ROMAN CATHOLIC

DATE OF ADMISSION TO THIS UNIT: [REDACTED]

DATES OF PRIOR ADMISSION TO CARE: [REDACTED]

WHERE PLACED: HARBERTON HOUSE

SECTION OF ACT UNDER WHICH CHILD WAS ADMITTED TO THIS UNIT: 93(1)(a)

TYPE OF ORDER UNDER WHICH CHILD IS NOW IN CARE: F.P.O.

DATE ORDER GRANTED 17-10-77

REASON/S FOR ADMISSION TO CARE: BREAK-DOWN OF FOSTER PLACEMENT.

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 26-2-88 DATE OF CURRENT REVIEW: 8-5-88

RESIDENTIAL WORKER: SND 38 BACK UP RESIDENTIAL WORKER: SND 39

FIELD WORKER: [REDACTED] TEAM: [REDACTED]

NAME/S OF ANY PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER/S SINCE LAST REVIEW: [REDACTED]

GENERAL PRACTITIONER: DR. DEVLIN ADDRESS: GT. JAMES ST. HEALTH CENTRE

HEALTH VISITOR: [REDACTED] ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

NAME OF SCHOOL: [REDACTED] SECONDARY ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

FORM/CLASS TEACHER: [REDACTED] YEAR: [REDACTED]

SCHOOL PROGRESS:

SCHOOL REPORT SHOULD BE ATTACHED INCLUDING DETAILS OF CONTACT WITH SCHOOL.

ON THE 7TH MARCH AT A MEETING WITH HIA 127 TEACHER, IT WAS REPORTED THAT HIA 127 BEHAVIOUR IN CLASS WAS EXCELLENT BUT HE LACKED CONCENTRATION AT HIS ACTUAL WORK. AT THAT TIME HIA 127 MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM WAS HIS PUNCTUALITY AS HE WAS LATE FOR CLASS ALMOST EVERY MORNING. SINCE STARTING A PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE HIS TIME KEEPING IN EARLY MARCH HIA 127 HAS BEEN LATE ON ONLY TWO OCCASSIONS A FACT RECENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED IN A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL.

IS THE CURRENT PLACEMENT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD? (IF NOT EXPLAIN THE REASONS)

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS HIA 127 HAS MADE MORE PROGRESS THAN EVER BEFORE AND HAS NEVER BEEN IN A BETTER POSITION TO OVERCOME HIS BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS. CURRENT PLACEMENT IS AT THIS PERIOD OF TIME MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD AND IMPROVING HIS SUITABILITY FOR FOSTERING.

RESIDENTIAL WORKERS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION:-

THAT HIA 127 REMAINS IN CURRENT PLACEMENT WHILE HE CONTINUES TO MAKE BENEFICIAL PROGRESS BUT THAT A SUITABLE FOSTER PLACEMENT IS SOUGHT IN THE MEANTIME.

IN THE SHORT TERM HIA 127 WOULD BENEFIT FROM A SUITABLE 'BE-FRIENDER' EVEN IF FOR ONE AFTER NOON PER WEEK AS HE ENJOYS AND THRIVES ON THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION THAT IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN A RESEDENTIAL SETTING.

SND 38

Houseparent.

Head of Unit.

SR 21

Date... 5/5/89

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: **SR 142**
Name Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 21 enter "over 21"): **OVER 21**

To be completed when the statement has been written.

I declare that this statement consisting of _____ page, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19

Gary Crawford **SR 142**

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am known as **SR 142** and I was formerly known as **SR 142** when I worked in Nazareth House, Derry from _____ I have been made aware by Detective Inspector Crawford of the allegations made by a former resident of Nazareth House, **HIA 127** against a lay employee **SND 38**. I have been made aware of allegations regarding a holiday in _____ and I would state that during those holidays I would find it difficult to believe that two people could have ever found themselves alone due to the number of people about and that during that time I can never recall **HIA 127** ever wanting to lie down during the day or ever running away. No allegations were ever made to me and I would find it difficult to believe that such goings on could have happened in the circumstances I have mentioned. Detective Inspector Crawford has asked me regarding the bathing practices and I would say that it was normal for older children to bathe themselves however **HIA 127** had a medical problem which required applying cream. **SND 38** would have been present during these times to supervise the application of such cream. Detective Inspector Crawford has also asked me about the practice of children leaving the premises in the company of their key worker and visiting the private homes of their key worker. The reason behind this is that a number of children had no suitable family they could go to and that they joined in the family of their worker in order to try and give them as

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normal a family background as possible. This was the case regarding **HIA 127** I was aware that **SND 38** took him to his family home, however the question of taking him to **SND 38** girlfriend's house **SND 39** of [redacted] I never recall being discussed. I would wish to point out that anytime **HIA 127** came back from these trips he was always in good form and appeared happy. He never made any complaints. The practice then and one which was approved by the Social Services Board, was that a keyworker could be appointed to care for two or three children. **SND 38** was **HIA 127** key worker. The practice approved by social workers at regular reviews, was that where a child, such as **HIA 127** could not go home on visits or receive visits from his family, then the key worker was encouraged to take that child to his or her home, so that the child could experience a stable home environment. All such visits out were logged in the appropriate record book and that record book along with other relevant documents could form the documentary basis of the periodic case conference conducted by social workers on each child. I recall that at least two social workers had responsibility for **HIA 127** during my time there [redacted] and [redacted] They were aware of this practice and as far as **HIA 127** was concerned they were provided with a documentary record of each trip out in **SND 38** company. At no time was any anxiety or concern ever expressed regarding this practice. These visits did not involve an overnight stay except on one occasion at Christmas Eve. Since this was outside the agreed and approved routine we contacted [redacted] sought her permission and she readily gave it. I would just like to point out that during my time there I found **SND 38** to be an excellent worker and that his behaviour was beyond reproach.

Certified a true copy of original. *[Handwritten signature]*

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WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDMinutes of Case Review at Nazareth House on 7/11/89Name: [REDACTED] HIA 127PRESENT:Mark McChrystal, S.S.W. - Chair
Sheila Brannigan, S.W.

[REDACTED]	SR 21	Nazareth House
[REDACTED]	SR 2	Nazareth House
[REDACTED]	SND 242	Nazareth House,
[REDACTED]	SND 38	Nazareth House,
[REDACTED]	SND 39	Nazareth House

DISCUSSION:

[REDACTED] HIA 127 is doing well in residential care. He appears to have come to terms with his past history to a greater extent than his [REDACTED] brother. He presents as a happy child. [REDACTED] HIA 127 has expressed a wish to be fostered. It is hoped that the planned fostering advertisements, which are due to be published later this month, may turn up suitable foster parents. [REDACTED] SND 283 move into foster care has encouraged [REDACTED] HIA 127. Moreover, his visits to [REDACTED] SND 38 home has given him a taste of home life. Although on occasions [REDACTED] HIA 127 still regresses into rather childish behaviour, he has considerably more insight than was hitherto the case. In short, [REDACTED] HIA 127 is much more relaxed within himself.

[REDACTED] SND 38 has helped [REDACTED] HIA 127 to express much of the anger that was within the child as a consequence of his previous fostering breakdown. [REDACTED] HIA 127 has said, for example, that his previous foster family could take the dog to England with them but not him. This repressed anger inhibited his development. Its resolution has enhanced every aspect of his life. There has been significant improvement in his behaviour within the unit, and he is making every effort at school.

[REDACTED] HIA 127 is visited periodically by [REDACTED] HIA 126 and [REDACTED] HIA 113 his sisters. [REDACTED] HIA 127 is somewhat ambivalent about [REDACTED] HIA 126 because he feels that she is doing the same as his mother did by having children at a very young age. Conversely [REDACTED] HIA 113 ability to have a boyfriend with a car, without being encumbered by children, is seen as a good thing by [REDACTED] HIA 127. He is disappointed on those occasions when she does not call as arranged.

Overall [REDACTED] HIA 127 is making very good progress in care. The therapeutic work that has been done with him, especially by [REDACTED] SND 38 [REDACTED] SND 38 has brought him to the threshold of a new beginning.