

HIA REF: 127

Witness Name:

HIA 127

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 127

I, HIA 127 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on the [REDACTED] Londonderry. [REDACTED]

There were six of us who were mainly together as children in care – HIA 113
HIA 113 HIA 126 SND 197 IND 283 and HIA 233

St Joseph's Home, Termonbacca

2. On 5th May 1976 I was placed in Termonbacca [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I was [REDACTED] old. I returned to my mother's care on 20th December 1976. I was admitted again to Termonbacca on 29th April 1977 and discharged to my mother on 2nd June 1977. I was admitted to care for a third time on 30th July 1977 and re-united with my mother on 21st September 1977. I was admitted to Termonbacca for a fourth time on 29th September 1977 and remained there until 29th June 1978. I was placed in Termonbacca again on 20th October 1978.
3. When I was in Termonbacca I was very young. I do not remember things myself but my older sister HIA 113 told me that the nuns said I was too nice to be a boy and that I should have been a girl and they started dressing me in dresses. I don't know the names of these nuns.

4. My mother and father never came to visit me in Termonbacca. No one came to visit. In fact the only time my mother ever visited me whilst I was in care was when I was in Nazareth House. She came to show off the second eldest in the family, [REDACTED]. She never came back to see me after this.
5. On 29th December 1979 I was moved from Termonbacca and was placed in foster care with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] **SND 37** was [REDACTED] years old. I was moved along with [REDACTED] **HIA 113**, [REDACTED] **HIA 126**, [REDACTED] **SND 197** and [REDACTED] **SND 283** and later [REDACTED] **HIA 233**. The [REDACTED] **SND 36/ 37** decided to foster all [REDACTED] of us to keep us all together because they were going to split us up. They looked after us. There was no badness and it was a normal upbringing.
6. However [REDACTED] **HIA 126** and [REDACTED] **HIA 113** made allegations of sexual abuse against [REDACTED] **SND 36** and we were removed from the home. On 11th July 1985 we were placed in Harberton House. I was [REDACTED] years old. Welfare records show that after a short while, on 11th October 1985 [REDACTED] **SND 283**, [REDACTED] **HIA 233** and I returned to the [REDACTED] **SND 36/ 37** home. However in January 1986 there were problems in the [REDACTED] **SND 36/ 37** marriage and due to the uncertainty we were re-admitted to Harberton House on 30th January 1986.

Harberton House

7. I was in Harberton from 30th January 1986 until 18th April 1986 when I was [REDACTED] years old. I have no complaints about my time in Harberton House. Everything was provided for us and we were allowed out from the home. I went to school in [REDACTED] Primary School and then to [REDACTED] Secondary School.
8. We stayed in Harberton House until we got permanent places in children's homes. My sister [REDACTED] **HIA 126** went to Fort James. [REDACTED] **HIA 233**, [REDACTED] **SND 283** and I were all sent to Nazareth House on 18th April 1986. [REDACTED] **HIA 113** stayed in Harberton House and then she was sent home along with [REDACTED] **SND 197**.

Nazareth House

9. I was placed in Nazareth House from Harberton House on 18th April 1986 along with **SND 283** and **HIA 233** I was [REDACTED] years old. I was there for [REDACTED] years and left on 13th August 1990 when I was [REDACTED] years old.
10. In Nazareth House there were two units with boys and girls – unit 1 and unit 2 and a nun was in charge of each unit. I was in unit 2. There were about ten to fifteen children in each unit. I cannot remember the name of the nun in charge of unit 2 but the nuns that were in the home were **SR 21** **SR 22** and **SR 23**. The nuns spent a lot of time praying. There were also civilian workers in the home. The social work staff in Nazareth House were **SND 38** **SND 38** **SND 43** and **SND 39** who is married **SND 38**. There was a volunteer person called **SND 40**. She was a nice woman. She always had a smile on her face no matter what went on. She was always good craic and played games with us to keep us entertained.
11. The nuns would shout at us and hit us a clout or give us a clip on the ear for saying bad words or not doing what we were told. One day **SR 23** as trying to grab me to put me in my room and I punched her and she fell over and broke her arm. I was about thirteen at the time.
12. I was punished every day in the home. When I didn't finish my dinner in time they took it away from me. As punishment I had to clean the kitchen and wash the dishes. They made me do the work of employees. I did this for years. My brother **SND 283** sometimes stood up for me and he got punished in the same way too. Sometimes I was grounded or refused pocket money. I was prevented from attending my sister **SND 197** wedding and no reason was given. I pretended to go to the shop and got the bus with my sister **HIA 126** and went to the wedding anyway.
13. I developed [REDACTED] when I was [REDACTED] years old. My doctor told the nuns in Nazareth House that I shouldn't bath every night because it removed all the oils

which kept my skin moisturised. The civilian staff didn't care what the doctor said and they stripped me naked and put me into a freezing cold bath or shower whether I liked it or not. They would do that every night of the week. This was extremely bad for my [REDACTED]. The civilian staff were rough and would grab me forcefully especially to make me have a bath or shower.

14. When I was about ten years old I had an operation on [REDACTED]. After the operation my wound had to be checked. I was lying on the sofa in the TV room in unit 2 recovering. I couldn't move from the sofa because of the operation. A nurse or someone from outside the home came to the home and checked my wound in front of everyone in the TV room. There was about fifteen other residents all gathered round watching including my sister [REDACTED] HIA 233. The civilian staff were also watching. It was humiliating and degrading.

15. As a teenager things started out alright but then [REDACTED] SND 38 turned my life into a nightmare. He was the residential social worker in Nazareth House. At the start I thought he was the best person in the world. He would take me out and buy me computer games. He was like a surrogate father. We got on very well for a long time. He was kind and attentive.

16. Then one day he started sexually abusing me. The abuse started whenever I was about [REDACTED] years old. At that age I was completely innocent. No one told me about sex and I never learned about it in school. I didn't understand what was going on. [REDACTED] SND 38 sexually abused me for years. He was my official [REDACTED] and the one that I spent all my time with. [REDACTED] SND 38 [REDACTED] SND 38 took me out whenever he wanted. He took me out on his days off and we hung out together after school. He took me on treats to ten pin bowling and the cinema. He exploited my trust.

17. Residents from Nazareth House went on holidays to [REDACTED] from 28th July 1990 to 12th August 1990. I was [REDACTED] years old. We stayed in a chalet type mobile home in a caravan site in [REDACTED]. One evening I went to have a lie down in bed as I wasn't feeling very well. This was about 5 or 6pm. I was asleep in bed when I woke up and saw [REDACTED] SND 38 come into my room. He

was lying on the single bed facing me on top of the bedclothes. He then put his hand inside the bedclothes and inside my tracksuit bottoms and pants and he touched my penis. He had his hand on my penis for about twenty seconds. I got out of the bed and ran out the door. He did not say anything to me. I didn't know what was happening. I ran out of the mobile home and out of the caravan site and up a hill to a field where I hid. I stayed there for about two hours. I returned to the mobile home about 9pm because I was hungry. I didn't tell anyone about what happened because I thought that no one would believe me.

18. About two months after this incident in September when I was back at school **SND 38** abused me again. I was in my bedroom counting coppers whilst everyone else was out playing. After about five minutes **SND 38** came in. I was sitting on the top of my bed and he sat down on my bed. He chatted to me about problems I was having and why I was in care and what I was going to do the next day. He then began to touch my leg for about 10 seconds. He then unzipped my jeans and put his hand inside my pants and touched my penis. He touched me with his right hand at first. He had my penis outside of my jeans and he was masturbating me. He then unzipped his own jeans and took his penis out and also masturbated himself. He swapped his hands over so he was touching me with his left hand and himself with his right hand. **SND 38** masturbated me until I ejaculated over my trousers. As soon as I ejaculated he stopped masturbating himself. He did not ejaculate. He got up and zipped up his trousers and walked out and I had to clean it all up. It lasted for about ten minutes and took place after **SND 38** had been chatting to me for about half an hour. He didn't speak during the abuse. I was too scared of **SND 38** to tell anyone as I didn't know what was going to happen if I did.
19. On another school day in the same week I was having a bath in the bathroom on the second floor at about 8.30pm. I usually had a bath at this time and went to bed about 9.30pm. I was drying myself when **SND 38** came in. I was standing naked. He said it was time for the **SND 38** and that he would put it on right so I let him as I didn't have much choice. He rubbed the **SND 38** over my chest, then legs, then private parts. He put **SND 38** on my penis with his hand. He was masturbating me. He started to touch his own penis at

the same time. He stopped touching me when we both ejaculated. I asked him to stop putting [REDACTED] on my penis as it was sore and he told me 'don't be stupid'. He cleaned the floor and walked out of the bathroom. He touched me for about ten minutes. I didn't tell anyone. I was frightened of being physically abused by him. He was a big man and he threatened me saying 'I will hit you a slap'.

20. A couple of weeks later in October or November another incident occurred. A new rule was made that we all had to take daily baths. One day I refused. I was in the living room about 9 or 9.15pm. **SND 38** came into the room and told me to get a bath. I refused. **SND 41** was in the room and would have heard this. **SND 41** was another resident who was slightly older than me. **SND 38** threatened me with grounding or stopping my pocket money. I went to my room and sat there. Ten minutes later **SND 38** came in and he dragged me by the arm to the bathroom. He stripped me naked and threw me into a cold bath. I struggled and punched him on the head. I got out and changed and he threw me back in with my clothes on. I threw water at him and he left and I got out of the bath. I was drying myself when he returned and grabbed me by the shoulders and pushed me against the wall. He started to play with my penis. I struggled and told him to 'fu*k off and leave me alone'. I was punching him then he grabbed my wrists and held them with one hand. Then he unzipped his trousers and started to masturbate himself until he ejaculated. He then let go and I put on my bed clothes and went to my room. I was scared of him and didn't tell anyone.

21. One day before Christmas **SND 38** collected me from [REDACTED] Secondary School and took me to his girlfriend **SND 39** house. I watched TV in the living room. **SND 38** came over to me and touched my thigh and threw me onto my side and took down my school trousers and pants to my ankles. He masturbated me and then he put my penis in his mouth and he removed his mouth just before I ejaculated. He then took me back to Nazareth House. I was going to tell his girlfriend but I thought she wouldn't believe me.

22. On Christmas Eve [REDACTED] I was at **SND 38** mother's home. I went to bed about 10pm. I was sleeping in a bedroom upstairs in a bunk bed. I was in the

top bunk and **SND 38** was in the lower bunk. I was dozing and **SND 38** appeared at the side of my bed. He put his hand underneath the quilt inside my pyjamas and pants and touched my penis. He started trying to masturbate me but I rolled over. He pulled me back and did the same again. I rolled over again and this happened about ten to fifteen times. Then he pulled the quilt down and lifted me out of bed and put me on the bottom bunk. He pulled down my pyjamas and pants and he started to masturbate me and himself. He ejaculated and then went downstairs.

23. On two or three occasions **SND 38** came to my bedroom in unit two and tried to have anal sex with me. I said no.

24. In early January **SND 38** before I went back to school **SND 38** took me to his girlfriend's house. He pushed me down on the sofa in the living room and pulled down my trousers and pants. He masturbated me and then put my penis in his mouth. He was also masturbating himself. This went on for ten to fifteen minutes. We then returned to Nazareth House.

25. I was half starved in Nazareth House. To this day I am a slow eater. My sister **HIA 233** was a picky eater like me and if she didn't eat all her dinner it was put in the fridge and offered to her for her next meal. The same meal could have been kept for days. My sister today won't eat a proper dinner. I was hungry all the time. I had five minutes to eat and I just ate at my own pace and I wasn't given the time to finish. Nine times out of ten I went hungry. I was teacher's pet in school and my teacher **SND 42** got an extra meal ticket and gave me the spare one so I got fed from the school canteen for free. Then I used my own money which was for the school meal given to us every morning and I bought food on the way home. I did that for five years at school.

26. I was beaten by one of the social workers **SND 43** husband. We had an argument one day and I think I hit her. She threatened me with her husband **SND 44** and said 'if you hit me again I'll bring my husband'. I said 'well go on ahead and bring him'. He came to the home the next day and he slapped me around the head in my bedroom.

27. When I left Nazareth House I was placed in foster care with **SND 46** and **SND 45** on 13th August 1990. I remained there for ten months. While I was fostered **SND 38** visited me and on a fortnightly basis masturbated me or had oral sex with me. About half a dozen times he also asked me to masturbate him or perform oral sex. I refused. I never told anyone about the abuse as I was scared.

28. On 28th June 1991 I returned home to my mother **[REDACTED]**. This didn't work out as I accused my brother **SND 283** of beating me. I went back to Harberton House on 20th November 1991. On 10th February 1992 I went back to Nazareth House. I took an overdose on 27th October 1992 as I was suffering from depression. **[REDACTED]** I wanted to end my life as I didn't think there was anything to live for. I took an overdose of paracetamol tablets and I was taken to Altnagelvin Hospital.

29. I threatened to stab a resident called **SND 47** in Nazareth House as he was fighting with me and the other boys. He was a bully. I was carrying a kitchen knife which I took from **SND 38** house. **SND 47** wasn't in one day and he had a nice teddy bear from his mother which he had for years. I cut the head off the teddy bear. I told him he was lucky it wasn't him. I got arrested for carrying knives. I left Nazareth House on 12th November 1992 when I was sixteen years old. I was placed in St Patrick's Training School on 12th November 1992 under a Place of Safety Order. I never intended to injure him, I just saw it as a way of getting out of Nazareth House as I saw it happen to another boy.

St Patrick's Training School

30. I was placed in St Patrick's on 12th November 1992 and I was discharged on 23rd February 1993 when I was **[REDACTED]** years old. I had just finished school and I was the best boy in the place and abided by the rules. I feared for my life. There were boys in there for joyriding, drugs and murder. I had a broken arm when I went in so I got out of doing chores. All the time I was there I don't think anybody said a bad word to me.

Life after care

31. After St Patrick's I went to live with my sister **HIA 126** who was married with children. I think she took guardianship of me. Eventually I got a flat with my brother **SND 283** when I was **[REDACTED]**. He was eighteen. My brother and I were at each other's throats every five minutes. We had an argument one day and he punched me on the shoulder and I knocked him out. I moved out of the flat and moved in again with **HIA 126** and her family. I didn't see **SND 283** for years after that.

32. When I was about **[REDACTED]** years old I heard my three youngest sisters – **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]** were going to Nazareth House and **SND38** still worked there. I didn't want him touching them. My aftercare social worker called **[REDACTED]** and her senior **FJ 23** asked me one day did anything happen to me in Nazareth House that shouldn't have happened. I told them what **SND 38** **SND 38** did to me and they took me to Maydown police station and I was interviewed. I told the police about the abuse by **SND 38**. From what I recall the two policemen called me a liar and I left. I went back to Maydown station when I was **[REDACTED]** years old and I made a statement on 12th August 1996. **[REDACTED]**

33. I developed a gambling problem. I was working on a YTP scheme **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** I was getting about £29.50 a week which increased to £35.00. I was giving half of what I earned to **HIA 126** and I spent the other half on poker machines. I spent every penny. **HIA 126** kept me for years. I managed to break the habit and I haven't gambled in years.

34. After the YTP scheme I worked for six months **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** When I turned **[REDACTED]** I met a girl called **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** She already had two children **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]** and we ended up being an item. The social services accused us of neglect and the children were taken into care. I visited Fort James where they were taken and broke a window with a stone. I was prosecuted for criminal damage. **[REDACTED]** would never let me

do anything with them as they were not mine. Our son [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED]. He was taken into care on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was fostered by a woman called [REDACTED]. He was with her until he was [REDACTED] years old. Later that year [REDACTED] made an allegation of rape against me. She withdrew the allegation and we got back together again. We have since separated. I have been with my fiancée [REDACTED] for six years. I have criminal convictions for driving offences.

35. [REDACTED]

36. My mother has passed away and my father is still alive. [REDACTED] but we don't really talk to each other. I don't even call him dad. I call him [REDACTED] SND 274 or [REDACTED] SND 274 was in care for [REDACTED] years and he never came to see me. I am in contact with most of my siblings and I enjoy a good relationship with most of them. [REDACTED] SND 283 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

37. I have made a statement to the police (Tara Nicholl) on 12th August 1996 about the sexual abuse I suffered at the hands of [REDACTED] SND 38. I understand that the DPP directed that no prosecution be brought.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

HIA 127

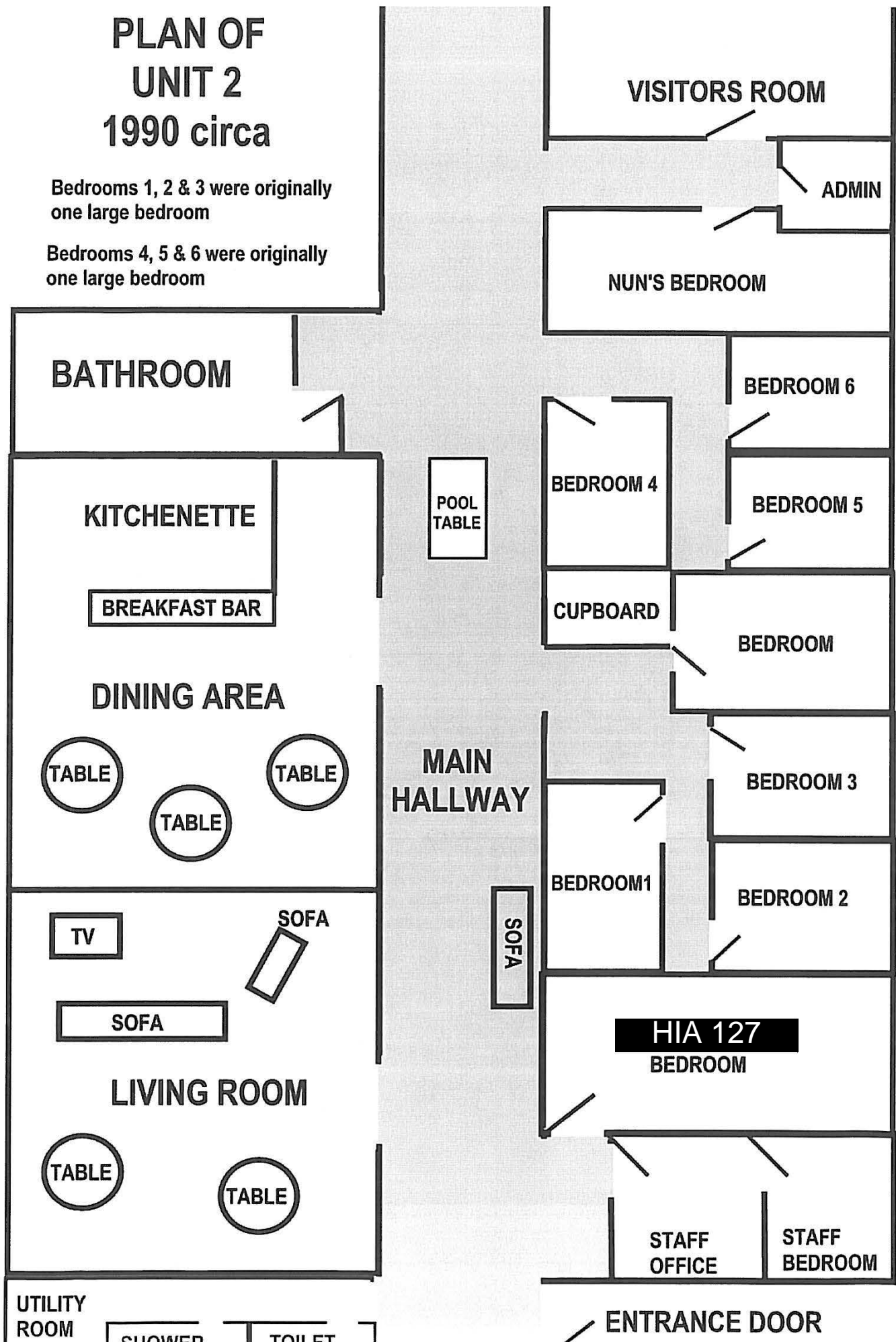
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PLAN OF UNIT 2 1990 circa

Bedrooms 1, 2 & 3 were originally
one large bedroom

Bedrooms 4, 5 & 6 were originally
one large bedroom



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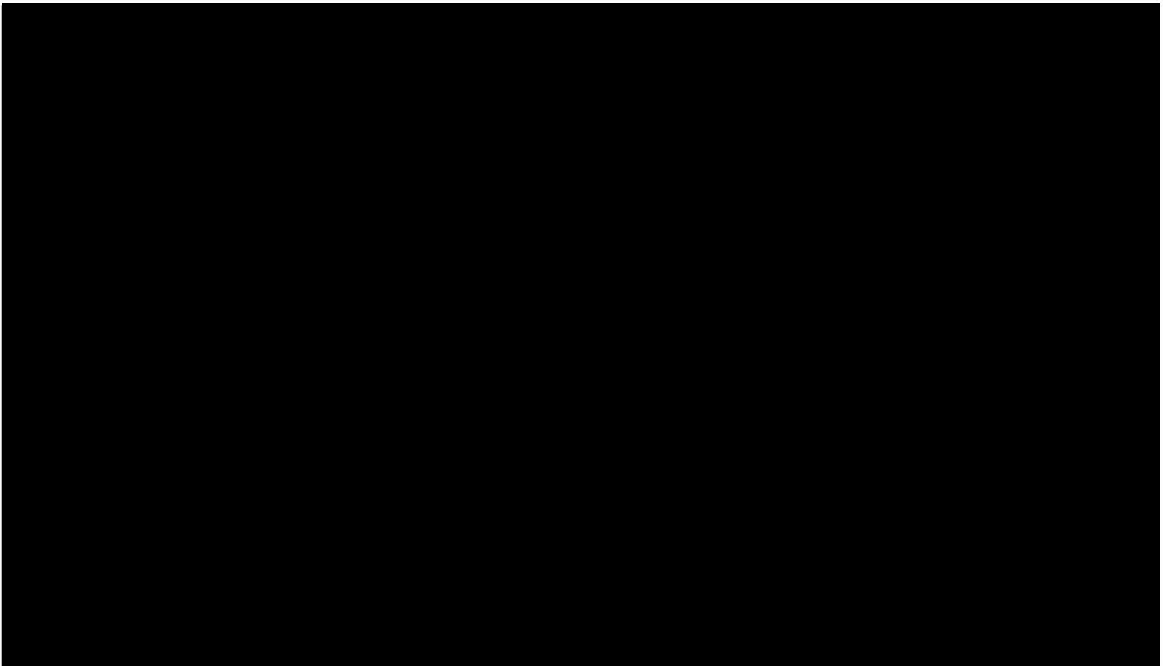
Witness Name: **SND 38**

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF **SND 38**

I **SND 38** will say as follows:-

Personal Details



Nazareth House Overview

The principle aims of Nazareth House were:-

“To provide a loving, caring and stable environment in which the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the child are met”

“To assess each child’s needs and to decide how best to help the child through an individual care plan.”

“To ensure that opportunities are provided, within the home and outside it, through relationships with staff and other children, through contact with parents, social workers and friends, for the child to realise his full potential and gain a measure of independence – thus ensuring an early return to the community.”

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: HIA 127 35
Name Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 21 enter "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 12th day of August 1996
HIA 127
Tara Nicholl

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received *SIGNATURE OF WITNESS*

I am the above named person. I have been in care from I was old. When I was old I moved into residential care at the Nazareth House Children's Home at Bishop Street, Londonderry. When I was about years old SND 38 came to work at the Nazareth House as a residential social worker. He became my social worker. I enjoyed a good relationship with SND 38 until we went on a two week trip to in June or July of when I was years old. There were approximately 9 or 10 children who went on this trip and 3 members of staff and one nun. The 3 members of staff were SND 38 SND 343 and SND 39 and the nun was either SR 142 or SR 23 although I do feel it may have been SR 23 We all travelled to in a minibus. We stayed on a caravan site in which was close to the beach. I do not know the name of the caravan site. We stayed in two mobile homes on the site. For the duration of the holiday in slept in a room with just one single bed. This room was on the right side of the mobile home past the toilet. My bed was positioned in the centre of the room. The room was about 7 feet in length and 8 feet wide. The bed was a normal sized single bed. During the first week of my stay I remember one evening going to have a lie down on my bed as I was tired. This was at about 5 or 6 pm. I got underneath the covers of my bed. I was still wearing my clothes. I fell asleep and when I woke up I saw SND 38 in

FORM 38/36 SIGNATURE OF HIA 127

JULY

SIGNIFICANT DATES -

1ST JULY TO 15TH JULY - On holiday in [REDACTED] with unit.

18TH JULY - Seen by doctor re. rash.

31ST JULY TO 4TH AUGUST - On camping holiday in [REDACTED]
Co. Donegal organised by Extern.MEDICAL TREATMENT - Seen by doctor on 18th regarding
rash on head and body. Prescribed Calamine cream
and Polytar.PROGRESS / DIFFICULTIESRELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF - HIA 127 got on extremely well with
staff during July and was very co-operative.RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN - HIA 127 had a summer romance
whilst on holiday in [REDACTED]. A friend of a girl
resident accompanied the group and ended up as HIA 127
girlfriend although on occasions HIA 127 proved to be a
bit of a reluctant Romeo, at times choosing to
watch a t.v. programme rather than have a date.
Got through his holiday without conflict.SCHOOL On summer holidays.COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Enjoyed a two week holiday in
[REDACTED]. At the end of the month went on a
camping holiday to [REDACTED] with Extern.
Went to the pictures with his girlfriend [REDACTED].GENERAL BEHAVIOURHIA 127 had an excellent month with out any bother.
Has been abided by the rules of his new responsibility
programme. Frequent reminders by staff regarding his
use of foul language proved very effective and has
greatly been reduced in his every-day vocabulary.
The first two weeks of the month were spent on holiday
in [REDACTED] with the unit and HIA 127 behaved excellently
in comparison to the two previous summer holidays when he
was constantly in conflict with staff and children alike.

SND 36/37 Out around 3 o'clock he returned to the
 park on his bike. HIA 127 was in fine form he even
 went as far as buying all the children an ice lolly.
 He returned to the SND 45/46 at 6 o'clock.

SND 39

Friday 27-7- [redacted]
 HIA 127 had another visit to his former foster parents today with his
 Social worker present. HIA 127 came back to the unit from the SND 45/46
 at 5 o'clock. He horse played with the boys, trying to get the
 better of them. HIA 127 took his time getting around to having a bath
 tonight, HIA 127 was full of talk about the SND 45/46 and his Holidays
 before bed time.

SND 377

[redacted] HIA 127 spent this first week in
 [redacted]

3-8- [redacted] - 11-8- [redacted]
 HIA 127 was on challenges with
 the SND 45/46 family

to take a shower, he mucked about that much just wasting time.
He eventually took it, and took his time to come out of it.
He was pleasant to staff during this, and settled well in bed.
And seemed to be looking forward to his holiday in [REDACTED]

SND 377

Wednesday 27-6- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is at the home of the [REDACTED]

SND 45, SND 46

SND 39

Thursday 28-6- [REDACTED]

Although staying at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] called into the unit from
3 to 5 p.m. to say farewell before
departing for a two week holiday
in [REDACTED] tomorrow.

SND 45, SND 46

SND 38

Friday 29-6- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left for [REDACTED] (Geddon)

SND 343

SATURDAY 30-6- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is in [REDACTED] Now Hopefully Having A wonderful time.

SND 377

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Monday 1/7/ [REDACTED]

Dates of [REDACTED] stay's sent to Geraldine Gallagher.

of his key-workers.

SND 39

Monday 25-12-12 Christmas Day

Spending a few days at the home of his key-workers.

SND 39

Tuesday 26 Dec

HIA 127 returned in the evening after his Christmas stay at his keyworkers.

Was in very good form and played with his t.v. game.

SND 43

Wednesday 27 Dec

Spent most of his time indoors playing t.v. games. Was a delight to be with, coaching, jokes and not being babyish. Had a late night due to this.

SND 43

Thursday 28th Dec

Another good day for HIA 127. Played with his t.v. game but was very generous in sharing the playing with the other children. Spent some time playing football and riding his bike.

SND 38

Friday 29th Dec

Was in good form throughout the day and enjoyed the pantomime (Wizard of Oz) during the day.

Spent part of the afternoon in town with his sisters HIA 126 and HIA 113.

SND 38

Sat 30th Dec

HIA 127 had a visit from HIA 113, then went with them. HIA 127 spent the remainder of the day playing his Abani and Balmer. His behaviour was good.

SND 343



STATEMENT OF:

SR 142

Name

Bank

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

OVER 21

To be
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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

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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 **[REDACTED]** 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 **[REDACTED]** 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 **[REDACTED]** **[REDACTED]** **SND 38** would have been present during these times to supervise **[REDACTED]** 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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Other children and staff shared the mobile home and because of the compact size it would have been immediately noticeable if a child and a staff member went into a small bedroom together.

HIA 127 states that he ran out of the mobile home and hid away for two hours, returning at 9pm.

If a child had gone missing, from the mobile home, on a holiday, his absence would have been quickly noticed and staff would have carried a search of the caravan park. An unsuccessful search would have resulted in the police being notified, especially when this happened away from home in unfamiliar surroundings. An untoward incident report would have been recorded and the details of HIA 127 absence would also be recorded in the unit books that were brought on holiday.

All members of staff at [REDACTED] stated that HIA 127 did not go missing during the holiday. No recordings from the holiday support HIA 127 claim that he ran away as this is also untrue and I deny it.

Paragraph 18

HIA 127 states that I sexually abused him in his bedroom at Nazareth House, two months after the holiday in September [REDACTED]. This is untrue and I deny it.

Following his holiday in [REDACTED] HIA 127 was discharged from Nazareth House and he went to live with foster parents on 13th August [REDACTED]. HIA 127 acknowledges this in paragraph 27 of his statement. Since HIA 127 was not resident in Nazareth House in September [REDACTED] it would have been impossible for him to be abused in Nazareth House at that time.

Paragraph 19

HIA 127 alleges that during the same week in of September [REDACTED] that I abused him the bathroom in Nazareth House whilst applying [REDACTED] to his body.

This is untrue and I deny it.

As has been previously established HIA 127 was no longer resident in Nazareth House at this date and the incident could not have happened.

Even when HIA 127 had been resident in the unit, because of his age, he was responsible for applying [REDACTED], which he kept in his bedroom. If necessary he would have been reminded and encouraged to do so but on no occasion did I ever apply the [REDACTED] to him.

The bathroom in Nazareth House had a lock on the door and I never ever entered the bathroom when HIA 127 was undressed.

Paragraph 20

HIA 127 states that during October or November [REDACTED] I dragged him from his bedroom in Nazareth House to the bathroom, stripped him naked and threw him

into a bath of cold water. HIA 127 claims he then punched me on the head, got dressed and that I then threw him back into the bath with his clothes on. He alleges that I then left the bathroom after he soaked me but that I returned again, sexually assaulted him before holding both his wrists with just one of my hands, whilst he struggled.

This is untrue and I deny it. As has been previously established HIA 127 was no longer resident in Nazareth House at this date and the incident could not have happened.

At no time in Nazareth House was HIA 127 or any resident, ever thrown into a bath by me or any other member of staff.

If HIA 127 had been dragged from his bedroom, at the end of the hallway, to the bathroom, half way up the hallway, at 9pm at night, this would have been witnessed by many other residents and staff.

HIA 127 does not explain why he would not have locked the bathroom door after I had left as this would have prevented me from returning. HIA 127 does not explain, why after he first got out of the bath he got dressed back into his clothes again and not into his bed clothes, which he indicates were in the bathroom. If these incidents had happened in the bathroom, over the period of time indicated by HIA 127 in the manner alleged by HIA 127 and that I had water thrown over me, this would have been noticed by other residents and staff.

Paragraph 21

HIA 127 states that one day before Christmas [REDACTED] I took him from school to my girlfriend's house and sexually assaulted him there before taking him back to Nazareth House.

This is untrue and I deny it. As has been previously established HIA 127 was no longer resident in Nazareth House at this date and the incident could not have happened.

If when HIA 127 states 'one day before Christmas' he means Christmas eve then the school would not have been opened.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On the first occasion HIA 127 helped me to cut the grass and my girlfriend was present. On a second occasion HIA 127 was with me when I stopped by briefly to collect some books, my girlfriend was not present. On the third occasion HIA 127 was with me and helped put tiles, which I had previously removed from the bathroom walls, into bags for dumping. My girlfriend was present and HIA 127 carved on the plaster of the wall, SND 38 loves SND 39.

OCTOBER

SIGNIFICANT DATES 6TH OCTOBER - HIA 113 visited.
 12TH OCTOBER - Informed by social worker of [redacted] fostering.
 19TH OCTOBER - Social worker visited + 25th when absent.
 20TH OCTOBER - HIA 113 visited.
 21ST OCTOBER - Mother visited when HIA 127 was out.
 24TH OCTOBER - [redacted] (friend from school) visited.
 26TH OCTOBER - [redacted] (school friend) visited.
 27TH OCTOBER - [redacted] (school friend) visited.
 31ST OCTOBER - Examined by doctor [redacted] diagnosed.
 31ST OCTOBER - Received dental filling.

MEDICAL - ① HIA 127 was examined by [redacted] on the 31st Oct and [redacted] was diagnosed 'Polytar' and 'Synalar' cream were prescribed. HIA 127 now bathes in a treated bath instead of showering.
 ② On the 31st HIA 127 received a dental filling.

RELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF - HIA 127 continued his weekly after school visit to his keyworker. Within the unit HIA 127 is more liable to 'act up' on some members of staff than others. Overall HIA 127 is much more cooperative with staff than in the past.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN - HIA 127 went on an 'invitation spree' near the end of the month and had three different school friends visit the unit over a period of four days. As usual the visits did not develop a regular pattern. Within the unit HIA 127 relationships remain stable.

SCHOOL - No new problems with school. Keyworker felt that some English homeworks were far beyond HIA 127 ability. Teachers have agreed to reassess HIA 127 English and pending the outcome he may be changed to remedial English. Within the unit HIA 127 continues with lower level work when he has no school homework.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES HIA 127 interest in Karate has declined and he is now reluctant to go to lessons. Participated in a cross country run and a sponsored run in aid of his school. Took part in 'Hands across the bridge' fundraising and had his photo taken along side Barry Mc Guigan. Attended Halloween celebrations.

Tuesday 19.12. [redacted]
HIA 127

was well behaved throughout the course of the day. Had a visit from HIA 113 [redacted] who gave him £10. Was spoken to by a principle Social worker who visited the unit during the evening.

SND 38

Wednesday 20.12. [redacted]

Spent the day at the home of his key-worker after school. He returned at 9.30 in good form.

SND 39

Thursday 21.12. [redacted]

HIA 127

had a visit from his Social Worker this afternoon. He accompanied her into town and after tea, Kern settled himself to watch the TV for most of the evening. He was in good form & no trouble at all.

SND 342

Friday 22 December [redacted]

Returned from school at 4.00 p.m. Attended the Christmas party + disco with his friend [redacted]. After watching a late night film he went to bed at 12.45 p.m.

SND 38

Saturday 23rd December [redacted]

HIA 127 had a visit from his sister HIA 126 in the afternoon and got on very well with her. Afterwards he went into town to buy presents for staff. Was in good form and looking forward to his overnight stay tomorrow.

SND 38

Sunday 24.12. [redacted]

HIA 127

was given a bit of a high. He was given extra chores to do for misbehaving during dinner. Left at 4.00 to spend a few days at the home.

DECEMBERSIGNIFICANT DATES

- 7th DEC - Social worker visited.
 19th DEC - Principle social worker visited unit, met HIA 127.
 21st DEC - Social worker visited with Christmas present.
 24th to 26th DEC - Spent Christmas at keyworker's home.

FAMILY CONTACT

- 8th DEC - HIA 113 visited - 16th DEC HIA 113 Phoned.
 19th DEC - HIA 113 + boyfriend visited with Christmas present.
 23rd DEC - HIA 126 visited with Christmas present.
 29th DEC - HIA 113 and HIA 126 visited.

MEDICAL TREATMENT - No noticeable decline in HIA 127 although the infection on his scalp appeared to be clearing up by the end of the month.

RELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF - HIA 127 had a very good month with no serious disagreements with staff. HIA 127 was very pleased when he got permission to stay overnight at his keyworker's home from Christmas eve until Boxing day. During this period he adapted excellently to family life.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILDREN - HIA 127 relationships within the unit remain stable.

SCHOOL - After an inquiry from HIA 127 keyworker to his English teacher regarding HIA 127 English ability he was tested to ascertain his level with reading, comprehension and spelling and was found to be behind his chronological age regarding these skills. It was recommended that HIA 127 takes part in a paired reading scheme to increase levels of

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

MEMORANDUM

From [REDACTED] To [REDACTED] **SND 466**
Ref. **SB/CMcC** Ref.
Date: **3rd January,** [REDACTED]

This is to confirm that **HIA 127** child-in-care, Nazareth House, spent 24th December - 26th December, [REDACTED] at the home of his key worker, **SND 38** [REDACTED] **SND 38** requested permission that **HIA 127** be allowed to spend Christmas with **SND 38** family who have already got to know **HIA 127** through visiting on a Wednesday afternoon. **SND 38** parents are in their 60's and there are two brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at home. **HIA 127** has no outside contact and this was a good opportunity for him to experience family life. I spoke to **TL 4** [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] expressing my satisfaction with the home situation and he gave his consent to the Christmas arrangements.

Signed: [REDACTED]

SOCIAL WORKER
[REDACTED]

CIV/OCT/legan/mmcc

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: **SND 452**
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 22nd day of October 1996

Gary Crawford

SND 452

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Certified a true copy of original. *C. J. O'Connell*

I am the above named person and I reside at [redacted] I am the mother of **SND 38** who is employed as a social worker at Nazareth House, L'derry. During 1989 I was aware that my son **SND 38** was the [redacted] for a young man **HIA 127**. This involved **SND 38** taking him out of the home and letting him participate with a normal family. I was happy that **SND 38** brought him to my home in order that he would have a normal environment. I have been asked by D/Insp Crawford to recall the events that took place during Christmas of [redacted] when **HIA 127** stayed at my house. I can recall the events vividly. Permission had to be asked from Social Services and permission was given for **HIA 127** to stay one evening Christmas Eve. **HIA 127** stayed in one room with bunk beds and my youngest son [redacted] stayed in the same room as **HIA 127** **SND 38** had a room of his own. During the night I checked on **HIA 127** several times as he had a heavy cold however he was alright. The next day **HIA 127** was in excellent form he appeared to love every minute of it. **HIA 127** seemed to have a lovely day and he begged me to stay another evening however he had only permission for that one night and he had to return to Nazareth House. **HIA 127** was very disappointed in having to return to Nazareth House. I would like to point that during that visit and one other visit **HIA 127** was very happy and at no time did he make any allegations to me nor I never sensed he was anything but content.

SIGNATURE OF **SND 452**
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Paragraph 22

HIA 127 states that I sexually assaulted him on an overnight stay at my family home on Christmas Eve [REDACTED]

This is untrue and I deny it.

HIA 127 has alleged he was first abused in [REDACTED] summer [REDACTED] HIA 127 overnight was Christmas [REDACTED] eight months before the date that he alleges that he was first abused.

HIA 127 received permission to have an overnight stay at my family home on Christmas [REDACTED] At this time I had been a 'befriender' to HIA 127 for approx. six months and he had regular visits to my home during this period. HIA 127 had requested the overnight stay for Christmas and this was approved through his field social worker and the social work office. A record granting permission for this overnight stay would be readily available. This was the only occasion HIA 127 stayed overnight at my home.

HIA 127 states that he slept in a top bunk and I slept on the bottom bunk. This is untrue and I deny it. I slept in a different room from HIA 127

Paragraph 23

HIA 127 states that on two or three occasions I tried to have anal sex with him in his bedroom in Nazareth House but he said no. HIA 127 alleges that he was first abused in summer [REDACTED] so this would have had to occur after this date when he was no longer resident in Nazareth House.

This is untrue and I deny it.

Paragraph 24

HIA 127 states that in January [REDACTED] I took him to my girlfriend's house and sexually abused him before taking him back to Nazareth House.

This is untrue and I deny it.

In January [REDACTED] HIA 127 was in foster care so I would not have brought him to Nazareth House had I taken him to my girlfriend's house.

At paragraph 21 I have previously explained the occasions and circumstances that HIA 127 was at my girlfriend's home.

Paragraph 25

HIA 127 states that in Nazareth House he was half starved and was hungry for most of the time because he was only allowed five minutes to eat his meals.

This is untrue and I deny it.

The dining room in Nazareth House consisted of three dining tables each with four chairs. These tables were close together (see diagram) and all children and staff ate together in the same dining room and meal times were relaxed and there was always more than enough food for everyone to have second helpings if requested.

Evening meals were cooked fresh in a central kitchen, which also provided meals to the home for the elderly, and brought to the unit in a heated trolley. Dinner was served around 5.30 pm and usually lasted about half an hour. Meals were served by staff and food was never removed from any child before he or she finished eating nor were meal times ever rushed.

During my years in Nazareth House [HIA 127] never complained to me about meals being removed from him nor did he ever complain of being hungry. If [HIA 127] had his meals removed after five minutes, on a daily basis, this would have had to be witnessed by all residents and all staff members.

A selection of fruit was readily and easily available throughout the day from fruit bowls and the kitchenette in the dining room had a fridge which was easily accessible to residents.

In my capacity as [HIA 127] keyworker I was in regular contact with his form teacher, [SND 42] and she was aware of [HIA 127] circumstances and took a special interest in him. Never did [SND 42] ever raise any concerns to me regarding [HIA 127] being hungry at school, which I am confident that she would have done had she been aware of this.

Paragraph 26

I never witnessed [HIA 127] being beaten by any adult in Nazareth House nor did [HIA 127] ever tell me that he was ever hit or beaten. From my knowledge of [HIA 127] I believe he would have made it immediately known if anyone had done so.

I believe this allegation is untrue.

Paragraph 27

[HIA 127] states that he was abused by me in his foster home after he left Nazareth House.

This is untrue and I deny it.

I visited [HIA 127] foster parent's at their home prior to his placement there as part of the introduction and phasing in process. [HIA 127] foster parents had children of their own but this was their first time to foster a child. During the months following his placement I also visited the foster parents and [HIA 127] at their home as part of a support system for [HIA 127] and the foster parents.

At no time was I ever alone with [HIA 127] in his foster home and his foster parents were always present when I visited. [HIA 127] offers no explanation as to how this alleged abuse could have taken place in the foster home without the knowledge of his foster family.

Boarded-Out Review - HIA 127

cont'd.

own children. There were some initial difficulties - HIA 127 reluctance to come home in time, his tendency to give cheeky answers when challenged, and to lie. However, these difficulties have been confronted by SND 45 and SND 46 and have lessened considerably. Winnie McGirr notes that HIA 127 has become noticeably more relaxed and confident in recent weeks, and less defensive. The other major problem came when the SND 45, SND 46 discovered that he had been making telephone calls on one of the 'sex lines' which are commonly advertised. When challenged he immediately admitted that he had made the calls. His admission had been very encouraging to both foster-parents. Arrangements have been made for the SND 45, SND 46 to be compensated for the costs.

The review discussed HIA 127 background, and his previous experience in foster-care, in some detail. SND 46 is very keen that he should be able to maintain active contact with his brother and sister, and is prepared to facilitate this as much as possible. She expresses some concern, however, about contact with HIA 127 mother - because of her inconsistency in the past, and because of the real fear that her motive in contacting the foster-home directly would be destructive. Both these fears are substantiated by this department's experience of SND 362. Should she turn up, SND 45 and SND 46 should immediately contact the Social Services Department (including the emergency service). In principle, SND 362 should arrange any access visits through negotiation with Winnie McGirr.

The issue which is causing the greatest problem for SND 45 and SND 46 at present is the role of SND 38. HIA 127 houseparent from Nazareth House, in the management of the placement. SND 38 whose relationship with HIA 127 is a positive and important one, is managing a behaviour modification programme, involving the use of a detailed, daily, file. Whilst the SND 45, SND 46 value SND 38 commitment to HIA 127 and to the placement, they feel that it is too intensive, that they were not fully consulted about setting it up, and that it represents something of an intrusion into the routines of their home. It was established in the course of the review that this form of support was not planned when HIA 127 was discharged from residential care, and that Winnie McGirr should discuss the issue directly with SND 38 with a view to (a) appraising him of the way SND 45 and SND 46 are feeling (b) reducing the extent of his involvement.

Overall, this placement, though still in its very early stages, has settled well. SND 45 and SND 46 have been able to negotiate HIA 127 initial phase of testing them out, with tolerance and patience, and he is beginning to respond by gradually learning to adapt to them, and to the routines of their family. They are very pleased with the progress to date, and have been able to use the support of their Social Worker very effectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. There are no access arrangements for SND 362. The onus is on SND 362 to contact Social Services if she wishes to arrange to see her son. The foster-parents should contact Social Services immediately if she makes any attempt to contact HIA 127 directly.
2. Contact between HIA 127 and members of his family should be made as appropriate, through consultation between HIA 127 the Social Worker and the foster-parents.
3. Social Worker to contact SND 38 directly, in order to resolve the problems arising from the intensity of her continued support to HIA 127.

Date: 19.10.

Sigend. 937

Eamon McTernan

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER

NAME **HIA 127**

STAFF
INITIALS

3/12/ [redacted] Up and about at midday, had lunch + went to Rachel's until 4pm. **HIA 127** around unit upon return. Out to driving range with [redacted] & **SND 38** this evening. Burger & chips on the way home for supper. Played table tennis with [redacted] before going to bed. Form = good. BV

4-12- [redacted] a.m.

P.m. Went out with **SND 38** for the p.m. To return at 9 p.m. Watched the film until 10 p.m. & settled to bed

5-12- [redacted] Up at 10 a.m. Had a brief visit from S. Worker. About the unit. Visited his sister - returned at 5.30pm for dinner.

P.m. Back from his sister's house in time for dinner about the unit all evening - watched T.V. from time to time at 10 p.m. **HIA 127** checked his room

1.30 a.m. **HIA 127** was standing in his room with his shell suit bottoms on. [redacted] asked what was happening? **HIA 127** said he was sick and couldn't sleep. He was unable to offer any reason for having his shell bottoms on. [redacted] told him to get into his bed and get some sleep

6/12/ [redacted] A.M.

up around 10 a.m. - Said he is not feeling too well. Form picked up a bit. out to his sister's **HIA 126** until 5pm. [redacted] visited this

pm after dinner. The boys went to the cinema - **HIA 127** to return on the last bus. Didn't return until 11.10pm & arrived in a taxi. Said he & [redacted] had visited **HIA 127** poster parents after the cinema! Warned about doing his own thing & sent straight to bed. Still wandering around fully clothed at 11.45pm. Settled after midnite.

7/12 [redacted] up & about at 10am in pleasant humour. Kept himself amused until dinner time no bother with him at all. NC

NAME

: HIA 127

LEGAL STATUS : Fit Persons Order

[illegible]

The following are some of my thoughts that I would like to make
known to all those at my review:

1. I am in residential care because: it did not work out at home in [REDACTED]
- 2/ My thoughts about being residential care are: I like being here because it is a lot better than home
3. The problems that I have at home are: There are a few problems with (1) school (2) My older brother [REDACTED] (3) my mother and father are always fighting.
- 4/ I want to live: in Harborton house.
5. There were problems with school because: I did not go to school in [REDACTED] I didn't want to.
6. I get angry when I: am annoyed with other people or called names.
7. When I am angry I: hit who ever it is making me angry.
8. If my hopes for the future, could come true, those hopes would be: to get my own flat and work in the swimming pool.
9. The people I find easiest to talk to are: My dear group and my social worker and [REDACTED]
10. Those people can help me by: Sorting out some of my problems.

STAFF

UNIT 5

DATE

NAME

HIA 127

23/12

and 7pm.
 HIA 127 up & about the Unit. Keeping a low profile - playing football in playroom. Seemed to be egging on [redacted] & annoying younger children. Watched Video this evening. Persuaded Staff about the 2nd Video. Was told it would go on at 9:30pm. At 9:30pm was in the playroom & did not come out to watch Video - Was told he could go on down at 10pm as usual. HIA 127 thought I was joking & was taken aback when he learnt I wasn't. Went down under protest but went anyway. Watched Rainman on the portable - I took it from him at 11:30pm he was claiming it wasn't over but I reckon HIA 127 was trying to pull a fast one because Rainman had just started on another TV channel, Was told to settle & eventually did.

Rc

Rc

24/12

HIA 127 lying in until 11:15am - awakened & got up only because he had [redacted] out to his sister HIA 126 for lunch. Returned at tea time. Form good. Out to mess this evening. Down to bed after he had some supper.

25/12

up early along with others 6:30pm. - Took the news that his T.V. was not working very well. About the unit until when he went to his sisters for lunch. Returned at 7:30pm and watched "Batman" Settled to bed not bothered.

Theresa

26/12

He was around with [redacted] playing various football games. Watched T.V. for remainder of the evening. Down to bed at 10:20pm to view "Greenies" on his portable.

27/12

HIA 127 sleeping late this a.m. - Needed some eye-drops in order to make his bed and tidy room. This afternoon managed to get some aerosol breath freshener in his eye - obviously very sore - I checked with Casualty as to how we could relieve his agony - all they could suggest was to irrigate his eye with cold water which we duly did, and it eventually relieved the pain. Went out with [redacted] and to return at about

DATE	NAME	HIA 127	STAFF
17-12-		Having a lie-in to-day. Arouse unit most of the morning. Out to HIA 126 before tea time and again this evening from 8.45 - 9.30pm. Settled to bed. Did some work with [redacted] re his forthcoming case review. Took a while to settle at bedtime but no problem.	EM BU
18-12-		HIA 127 up having his usual cots sleep in. Out the afternoon with his keys worker from Wigan. Also had a meeting with [redacted] (possibly to let him know that [redacted] is no longer holding his case). Participated in the concert and watched some television before going to bed. Settled well.	BU Officer
19/12		up at 1pm - went out to get his hair cut, and also spent some time at his waders. After tea got dressed up and went to Nag House Xmas party - he collected at 10pm - duty collected at 10pm - watched some TV before falling asleep.	side
20/12		up at 8.30am - due to [redacted] having woken him up. Complaining that his arm was sore so I took him over to casualty - they gave him some pain killers. (in medicine cabinet) He fairly good after evening from his sister and changed for his visit tomorrow. Watched some T.V. before bed.	side
21.12	HH 15	Having a lay-in this am. Went to visit his sister to-day. Grand form. Watched T.V. for most of the p.m. Down to bed at 10.30pm - still awake at midnight but settled soon after. Picked plaster of arm up - out to Mrs. Picking on [redacted] a bit to-day. I warned him that he ran the risk of losing privileges over Xmas if he did not cease. Appeared to do the trick. Out for a run today to Bowling alley and on to Swan PK in Buncrana. Returned	
22.12	HH 15		

CASE NOTES

DATE	NAME:	INITIALS
	HIA 127	

14/11 [redacted]
A.m.

HIA 127 was up and out to school on his bike.

HH 8

HIA 127 returned from school at 4.30pm got stopped for taking so long to arrive home but apparently he was out at the pool at the complex after school - In good form this evening - had some school work typed up for him & obviously very proud of it as he was showing it off to all the staff off on his bike at 7.30pm to return at 9.30pm - Back a Time & settled at 10pm

rc

15-11 [redacted]

Up & out to school - no bother HIA 127 is going to SND 38 after school and will return at 9.30pm

HH 15

HIA 127 returned (along with SND 38) around 9.50pm. The reason they were late was to do with the R.V.C. Snapping Khan (for no reason). HIA 127 Settled down to bed after Supper.

HH 8

16/11 [redacted]
A.m.

Very Slow to get organized for school this morning - managed to get off to school by 8.17am.

HH 8

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Preliminary meeting with [REDACTED] SR 2 [REDACTED] I.C. and Margaret Cusack held in Nazareth House on the 29th October [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED] HIA 127
Home Address: [REDACTED]
Residential Childrens Home: c/o Nazareth House,
 Bishop Street, Derry.
Date of Admission: 29th October 1992

SYNOPSIS

HIA 127 overdosed on his mother's medication on or around the 27th October 1992 at the family home [REDACTED] HIA 127 refused to return home. Admission to Nazareth House arranged on the 29th October 1992.

BACKGROUND

HIA 127 was a resident of Nazareth House in July 1992. He arranged through this office to stay overnight at his sisters house during a family wedding. However HIA 127 did not return to the unit as arranged and I eventually found him at his mother's house at [REDACTED] on the 5th August 1992. At that time HIA 127 adamantly refused to return to Nazareth House stating that he wished to be discharged home instead.

Both HIA 127 and his mother SND 362 maintained that there was no tension between him and SND 283 and that they were getting on better now than they had during HIA 127 last return home. HIA 127 also indicated that he was unhappy in Nazareth as he felt there were too many rules and that he did not have enough control over his financial income, obtained through his work scheme.

I eventually persuaded HIA 127 and his mother to return to Nazareth House to carry out a review on the 7th August 1992.

At that review it was agreed that HIA 127 should be allowed to return home to the care of his mother as an interim arrangement and a further review held on the 4th September 1992. Nazareth House agreed to hold his place open until that date.

During the following four weeks HIA 127 appeared to be reasonably settled. He liaised with his work scheme and rejoined another scheme here in [REDACTED]

At the review on the 4th September 1992 HIA 127 remained adamant that he wanted to remain under the care of his mother. As a consequence HIA 127 was formally discharged from care at that review.

HIA 127 throughout his stay at home continued to maintain that that was what he wanted. Unfortunately I was unable to visit as regularly as I intended due to my own circumstances.

At this time SND 274 returned to the family home for a period of two weeks. SND 362 informed the primary school who subsequently contacted Social Services. Mr Mc Chrystal, Locality Manager and Barclay Watkins called to the family home. SND 362 left the home and stayed at the Womans Aid Refuge in both HIA 127 and SND 283 went to SND 197 at

On the 22nd October 1992 SND 283 overdosed and was admitted to hospital. He took (?) 96 tablets. He also left a note detailing his overdose, and blamed his mother for his current predicament.

On the 27th October 1992 HIA 127 overdosed on painkiller tablets, maintaining he had taken 44 tablets. Lily Barr and Barclay Watkins called to the family home on the 27th October 1992 and HIA 127 was admitted to Altnagelvin. Prior to his admission I also called to the house. At that time HIA 127 was in a stupor and refused to go to hospital. However, he was eventually persuaded to go and his mother and SND 197 accompanied him to the hospital.

SND 362 also alleged that HIA 127 attempted to set the house on fire. No police action is pending.

On the 29th October 1992 HIA 127 was examined by Dr who had arranged an admission to hospital. However following a discussion with Dr. he informed that the admission was purely on the grounds that HIA 127 was maintaining that he would not return home, and was therefore homeless.

I discussed the situation with HIA 127 who initially said that he wanted to go to Harberton House so that he could harm a resident who allegedly had sexual contact with his sister HIA 233. I reaffirmed that he would not be admitted there.

HIA 127 then agreed to go to Nazareth House Childrens Home but stipulated that it would be only for a four month period until he reached the age of seventeen.

A meeting was arranged with Sister SR 2 Margaret Cusack, and HIA 127 and myself in Nazareth House. HIA 127 admission was agreed at that meeting and HIA 127 was advised to utilise the time to think through his position and concretely plan for the future.



Please use this reference in your reply

Our Ref: MQ/JD

Your Ref:

Date

25th November 1992

 SOCIAL WORK REPORT
 (PRELIMINARY REPORT FORM)

HIA 127 was admitted to Nazareth House Children's Home on the 29.10.92 after his discharge from Altnagelvin Hospital following an overdose attempt on the 27.10.92.

Initially HIA 127 settled within the residential unit. However staff noted HIA 127 started to become restless, staying up late, resulting in staff monitoring HIA 127 until sometimes 6 a.m. HIA 127 then refused to follow simple rules within the unit and became dismissive of staff.

This situation escalated to the point of whereby HIA 127 intimidated and threatened to hurt another 10 year old resident. Subsequently staff discovered that some of the 10 year old residents toys and posters had been slashed by a knife.

On the 11.11.92 staff reported HIA 127 missing at 10 p.m. as he had been out of the unit all day. Both the R.U.C. and the Standby Co-Ordinator for Social Services were alerted.

On the 12.11.92 HIA 127 was found at his sister's house and a Place of Safety was taken by Mark Mc Chrystal, Locality Manager and HIA 127 was transferred to St. Pat's Training School.

Signed *pp. L. Quinn* *Bour* Date *26-11-92*
 MARTIN QUINN
 SOCIAL WORKER

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

HIA 127 has benefited by his stay in Training School and being removed from areas of increased tension both within his family and within the residential unit. Both Social Services and staff in training School feel that no further benefit can be achieved by a further attendance at Training School.

It is therefore the intention of the W.H.S.S.B. to request a discharge of the order to facilitate **HIA 127** return to the community.

Social Services have negotiated with **HIA 127** sister **SND 197** who resides at [REDACTED] offer a place in her home.

This will be an interim arrangement and it is intended that **HIA 127** will move towards full independent living. To help facilitate this move he has already liaised with Foyle Homeless Association and has organised a further meeting with them pending the outcome of this court.

Similarly contact has been made with Youthways, the youth training and employment scheme and it is anticipated that **HIA 127** will rejoin the scheme.

Social Services will also continue to offer what advice, guidance and assistance deemed appropriate to support **HIA 127** in what will undoubtedly be a difficult phase in his life.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

HIA 127 has eagerly and willingly participated in all the aspects of help on offer to him. Indeed he appears to have gained a greater insight into some of his difficulties and realises the need to utilise the various levels of help being offered to him.

The W.H.S.S.B. would respectfully request that the court discharge the interim order to facilitate **HIA 127** return to the community.

Signed Martin Quinn Date 16.2.92
 MARTIN QUINN
 SOCIAL WORKER

CASE CONFERENCE REPORTCOMMENTS BY:

A There will be a meeting of the people most concerned with you on ..TUESDAY...7TH...NOVEMBER...1989 at Nazareth House.

The discussion will be about how you have been getting on recently and the plans for your future. Because the meeting is about you, you will probably want people to know what you think. You can do this in one of these ways:

1. You can come to the Conference.
2. You can tell your Key Worker or your Social Worker or another person you trust so that they can tell the Conference what you think.

B Would you like to come to your Case Conference? Yes....

What things do you think are the most important to talk about at your Conference? I have been in care for 10 years and I still have not been fostered. I would like you to do something about it please. How long will I have to wait?

1 : How do you think you have been getting on at ~~work~~/school recently? I think I have been getting on good the Farm teacher said I was doing well in my work this year. My time keeping at school is not a problem any more.

2 : What things do you like to do in your spare time? I like running, swimming, T.V. Video games, visiting home, visiting Farm Teacher.

SND 38

3 : What sort of things do you enjoy best at ~~work~~/school? Are there things you do not like about ~~work~~/school? I like P.E, CDT, School mates, Farm Teachers. I do not like Science or Homework.

4 : Who are your best friends? Who are your most important relatives or people you care about? my best friends are

SND 283 and [redacted] I also like HIA 113 and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted]

5 : What would you like to happen in the future? Stay in Nazareth house until fostered

HIA 127

Signed.

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somewhere and at **SND 38** mother house during the age of **■** and **■** years. **HIA 127** said that **SND 38** would have built up his trust by taking him out and buying him things. **SND 38** began to come up to **HIA 127** bedroom. He said **SND 38** touched **HIA 127** private parts, feel around him. I'm unsure if that was over or under his clothing. He then told me that **SND 38** played with his penis with his hand and that **SND 38** tried to get **HIA 127** to do the same to him but **HIA 127** didn't tell me if he did or did not do it again with his hand. **HIA 127** told me that **SND 38** also "did the business on him" by which he meant **SND 38** put his penis up his arse. He said **SND 38** tried to do this sometimes but **HIA 127** wouldn't let him and that the first time it was so sore that **HIA 127** cried. **HIA 127** said **SND 38** would hit **HIA 127** and strip him and throw him into cold baths when **HIA 127** wouldn't let him touch him. **HIA 127** said this happened regularly, not every time that **SND 38** was on duty but at least once a week. With reference to **HIA 127** stating he was sexually abused at **SND 38** house and his mother's house, he didn't tell me how many times this happened or what **SND 38** did at these times. **HIA 127** said **SND 38** asked **HIA 127** to have anal sex with him but **HIA 127** wouldn't do it and the first time he asked **HIA 127** to do this to him and he refused **SND 38** put him into a cold bath. **HIA 127** told me this over a period of time.

SND 263

Certified a true copy of original. *Constance Abbott*

ELIEEN WEBSTER - INTERVIEW WITH **HIA 127** AND **SND 363**

MONDAY 5th AUGUST 1996

Mrs Webster began by saying that **HIA 127** had been in care from the age of [REDACTED] months. She said that **HIA 127** recalled a holiday in [REDACTED] with staff from Nazareth House. He told her he was only there once while at Nazareth House and this was when he was around [REDACTED] years old. He said that they were staying in a chalet type mobile home with wheels and that there were several children staying there. **HIA 127** said that **SND 38** and **SND 343** also stayed there. He told her that he remembers going to bed because he was not feeling well, this happened during the day. He said that **SND 38** came in and lay beside him on top of the bed clothes, **SND 38** put his hands under the bed clothes feeling Mr **HIA 127**'s penis, no-one said anything. **HIA 127** said he did not know what to do, **SND 38** left about 10 minutes later. **HIA 127** then recounted an incident which happened 2 months after that when he said that **SND 38** administered cream to **HIA 127**'s body for his [REDACTED]. He said he was standing naked and **SND 38** started to masturbate him, then took his own penis out of his trousers and started to masturbate himself. Mrs Webster said that **SND 362** then recounted to her the sexual abuse allegations made in his statement to DC Shaw. He told her that at one time **SND 38** tried to bugger him but that he would not let him. He told Mrs Webster that **SND 38** would give him money, £5 to £10, and that this continued when he left care as he remembers going to the Nazareth House and asking for money and **SND 38** gave him £10.

Mrs Webster then said that she spoke with **SND 363** and she said that she was only going with **HIA 127** a few weeks (March/April 1995) when **HIA 127** told her that he was abused by a member of staff in the Nazareth House. She indicated that this was the first time that she had heard some of the incidents that **HIA 127** had related to Mrs Webster. She also told Mrs Webster that they were both having

Ready to cope alone? 8

3 Is there at least one adult (in addition to your social worker), who you feel you could go to for help, advice and support if a problem comes up?

Yes 1
No 2

4 (If you come from a minority ethnic group.) Do you have good friends at present who share the same culture/first language/religion as you?

Yes 1
No 2

5 Do you have at least one friend with whom you can keep in touch after you move?

SND 38

Yes 1
No 2

6 Do you belong to any club, team, church or other organisation?

Yes 1
No 2

If no, would you like to?

Be friends from Exeter.

Yes 1
No 2

7 Will you be living in a neighbourhood that you know well?

*(1) Area of choice.
(2) Bq (No)*

Yes 1
No 2

8 Will you be living near people of the same ethnic group/first language/religion as you?

Yes 1
No 2

VI Personal Strengths and Resources

1 a Do you have detailed knowledge of your family background and your own life history?

Yes 1
No 2

b Do you know who will be able to help you to get more information if you want it?

Yes 1
No 2

2 a Have you decided what to say about your life so far if officials ask questions or when you have to fill in the personal details on forms?

Yes 1
No 2

b Would it help to discuss this with somebody?

Yes 1
No 2

3 a Do you have a hobby or special interest?

Mice etc.

Yes 1
No 2

b If yes, do you have the equipment you need for it?

Yes 1
No 2

4 Have you thought about how you are going to spend your spare time?

TV.

Be friends. ?

Yes 1
No 2

Ready to cope alone? 10

3 What are your weaker points?

- Budgeting money.

Signature

HIA 127

Date

*28/10/93***VII What Next?**

There will probably be quite a lot of things that still need to be done. It is important to make a plan and decide what you will do yourself and what your social worker or other adults will do for you or with you. Use the questionnaire to make a list for discussion with your social worker and also at your next review. Try to cover all the topics: accommodation, money, education and employment, health, family and friends, personal resources. Write down what has to be done, who will do it and when.

Good luck.

11. *Paragraphs 12 - 14.* In these paragraphs, HIA 127 makes allegations against the civilian staff in general. It is unclear whether those allegations are directed at me in any way. For the avoidance of doubt, I can state that I never engaged in the conduct alleged by HIA 127 in those paragraphs, nor did I witness other staff engaging in the conduct alleged. Insofar as HIA 127 intended to include me in the staff at whom those allegations are directed, I categorically deny those allegations.
12. *Paragraph 26.* HIA 127 states that he 'thinks' he hit me. HIA 127 did not hit me at any time. Further, I did not 'threaten' HIA 127 with my then husband SND 44. This allegation is entirely false and without foundation. Finally, my then husband did not attend Nazareth House and assault HIA 127. This allegation is also entirely false and without foundation.
13. I can recall that in or around the mid-1990s, allegations were made to police by HIA 127 against the member of staff identified in his witness statement, SND 38. At that time, I recall being called in to speak to SR 9 in Nazareth House about an alleged incident involving my husband. I do not recall the full details of this matter. My recollection is that HIA 127 had said that I had put him in a bath of cold water and that he had thrown water from the bath and soaked me, following which I had to go home and change; further, that I had threatened him with my husband who came to the home and hit HIA 127. I was very upset by this allegation at the time. I denied the allegation to SR 9. The alleged incident in the bath did not happen and my husband did not assault HIA 127. I recall that SR 9 took notes during our conversation. I heard nothing further about this matter subsequent to my conversation with SR 9.

Response to allegations in statement of HIA 233

14. As above, I propose to address only those paragraphs in which allegations are made against me.

occasion, in or around five years ago as far as I can recollect, I saw her on Pelham Road, Knightsbridge, Londonderry. I waved at her and she acknowledged my wave in return.

Conclusion

20. The statements of **HIA 127** and **HIA 233** contain general and specific allegations against me. I have worked with children for over 30 years. I have dedicated my working life to this role, which I regard as a vocation rather than a duty. I have regularly gone into work unpaid when birthdays were being celebrated or at Christmas when I was not on shift. Many of the children with whom I have worked have maintained contact with me through the years. I categorically deny that I have ever failed any child. I believe that I have, to the best of my ability, acted at all times professionally and properly towards those children with whom I have worked. Subject to the matter to which I have drawn attention at paragraph 13 of my statement, I have never been the subject of a complaint about my conduct at work. I have never engaged in conduct of the manner alleged towards **HIA 127** or **HIA 233** or towards any child. Had I witnessed other staff engaging in conduct of the kind alleged, which I did not, I would have reported it to my superiors.
21. I am deeply hurt by these allegations made by **HIA 127** and **HIA 233**. I simply do not understand why they are making completely unfounded allegations against me.
22. I have in this statement responded to the matters raised to the best of my ability and recollection. I am happy to assist the Inquiry in any other manner that the Inquiry may direct.

Statement of Truth

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

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STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Held on Tuesday 6th August 1996 in [REDACTED]

RE: ALLEGATIONS MADE BY [REDACTED] **HIA 127**

PRESENT: Mr Bernard Mc Ananey, A/Director Social Care
 DI Gary Crawford, RUC Care Unit
 DC Steve Shaw, RUC Care Unit
 Eileen Webster APSW
 Lucy Dineen, Social Worker
SR 2 Nazareth House

Mr McAnaney opened the discussion by saying that on the 26th July 1996 he received a telephone call from Tom Cassidy APSW in the late afternoon. Tom related a report he had received from **FJ 23** Senior Social Worker, Leaving and Aftercare Team concerning an allegation of sexual abuse as follows:-

*The Leaving and Aftercare Team has been providing a support service to **HIA 127** young man now aged [REDACTED] years who had spent most of his life in care, lately in the Nazareth House. **HIA 127** is currently in a relationship with a young woman named **SND 363** **SND 363** has two children in care **HIA 127** (not the father) and the third child fathered by **HIA 127** was taken into care shortly after birth. Both **HIA 127** and **SND 363** had indicated difficulties in their relationship and were advised by their key worker from the Team, Lucy Dineen, to seek counselling from Relate. During their first session (on the 26.7.96) with Relate **HIA 127** alleged that he had been sexually abused by a male member of staff while in care in the Nazareth House. He confirmed the allegation to **FJ 23** but did not indicate the man's name.*

Mr McAnaney contacted [FJ 23] who confirmed the above. [FJ 23] told him that she accompanied [HIA 127] and [SND 363] to their second session with Relate. However the Counsellor involved in the first session and to whom [HIA 127] had made the disclosure was not on duty. [FJ 23] was unable to ascertain any information from Relate at that time but was later contacted by Rita Glover from Relate Belfast who confirmed that [HIA 127] had named a member of staff at the Nazareth House whom he alleged had sexually abused him. Ms Glover told [FJ 23] that [HIA 127] was due to attend a further counselling session on 1.8.96 and that Relate would be in a position to pass the name on to both social services and the police after that session.

Having discussed the matter with Elaine Way (Foyle HSST Chief Executive) Mr McAnaney advised [FJ 23] that it was now inappropriate to wait for Relate to pass on the name as [redacted] had already made her aware of the substance of these allegations. [FJ 23] was advised to meet with [HIA 127] on Monday 29th July and to ask him to identify the member of staff concerned.

[FJ 23] called to [HIA 127] house on Monday morning 29th July 1996. Mr [HIA 127] told her that the RUC had already contacted him that morning re. the allegation. The RUC later confirmed that they had been contacted by [HIA 127] mother [SND 362] re. the allegation. [HIA 127] informed [FJ 23] that [SND 38] was the name of the member of staff at Nazareth House against whom he was making these allegations. This information was shared with Elaine Way At Foyle, Dominic Burke and Brendan Johnston at the Western Health & Social Services Board and Robert Niven Child Care Programme (both John Doherty Programme Manager and [TL 4] PSW were on leave). Brendan Johnston shared the information with the Department.

Robert Niven contacted DI Gary Crawford at the Care Unit, advised him of our interest in the case and of our need to be kept informed. Mr McAnaney was contacted by DI Crawford later that afternoon (29th July 1996). He confirmed that

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: **SND 263**
Name Rank

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

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 29th day of July 1996
Tara Nicholl **SND 263**

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am the above named person. I live with my boyfriend **HIA 127** I have known **HIA 127** since January 1995 when I met him at sister house. I started going out with **HIA 127** around the end of March 1995. **HIA 127** had moved into my house at the middle of March 1995 as a lodger. About two weeks into our relationship in about April 1995, I realised that there was something wrong with **HIA 127** When we went to bed together he was very nervous, shaky and he sometimes just started crying. One night or morning in April 1995 while in bed I asked **HIA 127** what was wrong. He said "Nothing" at first. After a couple of days I again asked **HIA 127** if there was something wrong, if he wanted to share something with you. He said no and that he thought if he did tell me what was wrong I would laugh and make fun of him. I said I wouldn't, do you not trust me. He made me promise that if he told me I wouldn't tell anyone. I promised to do this. Then he told me that whenever he was in the Nazareth House home in Bishop Street that he had been sexually abused. He told me he was about years of age at the time and it went on for about years when he left at aged **HIA 127** moved between Nazareth House and Harberton House between the ages of He told me that one of the Social Workers in Nazareth House **SND 38** had sexually abused him. He also told me that **SND 38** had sexually abused him at **SND 38** house on the Derryside

SIGNATURE OF **SND 263**
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: HIA 127 33
Name Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 21 enter "over 21"): 20 YRS

To be completed when the statement has been written.

I declare that this statement consisting of one page 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 29th day of July 1996
Stephen Shaw HIA 127

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received *SIGNATURE OF WITNESS*

Certified a true copy of original.

I have spoken to police about things that happened to me in Nazareth House when I was younger. My girlfriend SND 363 knows about these things and she has already made a statement to police telling what she knows. I told her about these things about April in 1995. I have told police about these things so that no harm will come to any other children in Nazareth House. I am not prepared to go to court or make a formal complaint about those things. The man responsible for doing these things to me is SND 38 he is a Social Worker there in Nazareth House.

HIA 127

HIA 127

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF:

HIA 127

Name

Rank

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

20 YEARS 34

To be completed when the statement has been written.

I declare that this statement consisting of pages, 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 30th day of July 1996

1996

HIA 127

Gary Crawford

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Certified a true copy of original. *Operation Pearl of Wisdom*

I am the above named person and yesterday, the 29th July 1996 I attended CARE Unit, Maydown with an allegation against a social worker **SND 38**
I now wish to unreservedly withdraw this allegation and wish that police take no further action regarding this matter.

HIA 127

SIGNATURE OF

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: STEPHEN SHAW D/CONSTABLE
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 4 pages 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 1 day of August 1996
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am a Detective Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary attached to the Child Abuse and Rape Enquiry Unit at Maydown RUC Complex. On the 22.7.96 at about 11.30 am I attended the home of HIA 127 at [redacted] I spoke to HIA 127 in the presence of Detective Inspector Crawford, a short conversation ensued. As a result of this conversation I was aware that HIA 127 was alleging that he had been the victim of a number of Indecent Assaults whilst he was in Care in Nazareth House whilst he was [redacted] yrs. As a result of obtaining this information arrangements were made to have a more detailed interview and that it be carried out at the CARE Unit in Maydown. On the same date at 4.30 pm I spoke to HIA 127 at the Care Unit in Maydown RUC Complex. As a result of a lengthy conversation I was aware of the following information. HIA 127 had been living at Nazareth House from around the age of [redacted] yrs, he described 4 specific incidents, the first of which occurred when he was [redacted] yrs of age. A group from the Home had gone to [redacted] during the summer holidays, it was about July. On calculation from his birth date the year as he would remember it was [redacted] The children were staying in chalets, he was not able to be specific as to that location or a description of these chalets. He related that they had

SIGNATURE OF

OTHER OBSERVATIONS

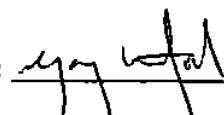
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(Include any additional matter relevant for consideration, eg sectarian background of case, whether any other incidents linked to the present case are being separately investigated)

RECOMMENDATIONS*
AS TO CHARGES AND
PROCEEDINGS

(Stated shortly by reference to offence, I.P., date and venue)

On the basis of the facts that the allegations made by **HIA 127** are totally unsubstantiated and impossible of corroboration I would recommend "No prosecution".

Signature of Reporting Officer:  Gary Crawford D/Insp

Date: 2 12 96

[REDACTED]

Background facts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[4] On 31 July 1996 he was informed that a former resident had made an allegation of a sexual nature against him. He was placed on precautionary suspension by the employer albeit he denied the allegations. The matter was investigated under joint protocols by the RUC, Foyle Health and Social Services Trust ("the Trust") and the plaintiff's employer. On 6 January 1997 the plaintiff was informed by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) that no further action was being taken. On 14 July 1997 the plaintiff was reinstated, the defendant, the Trust and the employer all having recommended his reinstatement.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Paragraph 32

HIA 127 states that he informed his after-care social worker that he had been abused by me when he became aware that his [REDACTED] were being admitted to Nazareth House. This is untrue.

HIA 127 [REDACTED]

HIA 127 first reported allegations of abuse to his after-care social worker in July 1996. [REDACTED] had already been in Nazareth House for four years at this stage.

HIA 127 states that when he first reported the alleged abuse that the two police men called him a liar. This is untrue and as result the police thoroughly investigated, with the assistance of Social Services and Nazareth House, all of the allegations made by HIA 127. The investigation found not one piece of evidence to corroborate even one of the allegations made by HIA 127. My position was vindicated, the suspension was lifted and I was allowed to return to work.

RESPONSE TO **HIA 233** **STATEMENT TO THE INQUIRY**

I have read the statements made by HIA 233 to The Enquiry dated 25th November 2013 and I vehemently deny all allegations made against me in this statement.

BRIEF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I worked in Nazareth House when HIA 233 was resident there along with HIA 127 and SND 283. HIA 233 was a child who presented with many challenging behavioural problems.

During her time in Nazareth House I had a very good relationship with HIA 233 as did the other residential staff who worked there.

Paragraph 7

HIA 233 states SR 19 fell in love with [REDACTED] whilst on holiday in [REDACTED]. This is untrue.

SR 19 was a nun who worked in unit 1 (HIA 233 was in unit 2). SR 19 did not go to [REDACTED] and did not fall in love with [REDACTED]. The nuns who accompanied the children to a holiday in [REDACTED] were SR 23 (in charge of unit 2) and SR 23 (principle of Nazareth House Primary School) along with members of staff, including myself.