

HIA REF: 220

Witness Name HIA 220

**THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 220**

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HIA 220, will say as follows:-

**Personal details**

1. I was born on [REDACTED]. I have one older brother and one older sister. I had a good relationship with my parents. I had a strong bond with my father. I lived with my family in [REDACTED] and went [REDACTED] School in [REDACTED].
2. When I was 5 years old, I witnessed a shooting outside some derelict houses in [REDACTED] near where my grandmother lived. I found out later that it was a man called [REDACTED] and I was told that he was a member of the IRA. I did not know him. The British Army shot him dead in 1973. I remember coming from school to my grandmother's house [REDACTED] for lunch and seeing his body lying on the ground with his knee-cap blown off and other wounds to his body. I also saw a n [REDACTED], who lived in the same street, being hit with the butt of a rifle by a soldier as she was administering last rites to [REDACTED]. It was very distressing and I was very unsettled by these events. Shortly afterwards I developed Attention Hyperactivity Disorder.

3. My mother found it difficult to cope with me. She took me to my GP and I was referred over to the Child Guidance Clinic within the Department of Psychiatry in the Royal Victoria Hospital. I was treated by Dr Manwell and her colleague Miss Vincent. They recommended some intensive therapy and sent me to Lissue Hospital when I was 7 years old.

#### Lissue Hospital (1975-1976)

4. My mum brought me to Lissue Hospital in a taxi. I think my father was working at the time. When I realised I was not coming home again, I became very upset and very difficult. I had no idea why I was being left there. I kicked the doors to get out and grabbed the handles. It was the first time I had left home and I was frightened at the idea of being in a strange place by myself. I also missed my father. I was shy and quiet at the beginning and kept my own company. I remember forming a friendship with an older girl called **LS88** who would have been about 16 years old. She took me under her wing and I gradually made other friends such as **LS 11**, and his sister **LS 12**, and **LS 13** who was only 3 or 4 years old. **LS 13** had epilepsy and wore a foam helmet. I also remember **LS 14**, **LS 15**, **LS 16**, **LS 17**, **LS 18** and **LS 19**. I remember **LS19** was always singing. The age range of the patients in Lissue ran from approximately 3 or 4 year olds to teenagers who were about 15 or 16 years old. The children with physical disabilities slept on the ground floor and the rest of us slept on the first floor. I was on the first floor with a mixture of children and teenagers. I shared a dormitory with **LS 14**, **LS 16**, **LS 18** and a younger boy called **LS89**. They would have been three to four children in one dormitory. I stayed in the same dormitory during my whole time in Lissue.
5. Lissue had two floors. I remember the layout quite well. I remember when I first arrived. I walked through two mahogany doors with wire mesh glass and again through a glass partition with wire mesh glass. From there I went into the main corridor. The kitchen and TV room was just off this corridor to the right and the other corridor to the left had dormitories and at the end of that corridor was the dining room. At the opposite end of the dining room there

was a play area and the classrooms were just beyond that. The play area had a see-saw, a wooden hut, a sand-pit and swings. We were allowed to play in play area in the evenings. At the end of the laneway of Lissue there was a courtyard with green iron rod gates where the staff parked their cars. Outside the gates, there was a little cottage and a stable beside a field which kept a pony called Pepper. I remember I was allowed to sit on Pepper once. **LS89**'s mum lived in the little cottage. I don't recall any other parents living on site in Lissue and the staff did not reside in Lissue. There were cookery classes for the older girls in that cottage too.

6. My daily routine was getting up early in the mornings, getting washed and dressed, and taking my medication before breakfast. I was given Ritalin in Lissue. We had a school onsite and we started around 9.00am. I remember a teacher called **LS 20**. I went to school as soon as I was admitted to Lissue and I found it hard to concentrate in school. We had a mid-morning break at 10.30am or 11.00am and then lunch was around 1.00pm. School continued to 2.30pm or 3.00pm and dinner was served about 5.00pm. The food was ok. We were allowed to play outside in the play area until supper at 9.00pm. I don't recall any physical education or sports at Lissue. I liked to run and I remember I use to race with **LS 14** as he was a fast runner.
7. The staff at Lissue were very friendly for the first three months before the abuse started. There were female and male nurses and they worked on shift patterns **LS 21** was one of the senior nurses and he dealt the patient's medication. I remember **LS 22** **LS 23** **LS 24**, **LS 25** **LS 26**, and another male nurse called **LS27**. There was a domestic in the kitchen called **LS90** and she helped the bus driver transfer the children from Lissue to Belfast. I only knew the bus driver as **LS91**. **LS90** and **LS91** were lovely people.
8. I remember the first time I was attacked by **LS 21**. I was in the dining area with some other children eating and playing with toys **LS 21** approached me and took me to my dormitory and locked the door. He told me I was sick and that he was my friend and wanted to make me feel better. He sat me on

- his knee and rubbed his hands up and down my legs. He slipped his hands into my genitals and touched me. I was crying and tried to push his hands away but he kept telling me that he was my friend. I knew it was wrong because my father had never touched me like that.
9. The second time **LS 21** attacked me, it was more violent. He attacked me from behind and raped me in my dormitory. He told me that this was 'our little secret' and threatened that if I ever told anyone he would kill me and I would never see my mother or father again. **LS 21** continued to abuse me two, maybe three, times a month until I left Lissue. I know there were other children being abused but we did not speak about it. We would have been too afraid. I believe the other staff members knew what was happening but they turned a blind eye.
10. There was another incident when I was raped by **LS 21** **LS 26** and **LS 27**. There was an arts and crafts room at Lissue which was a quiet room away from the main part of the hospital. It was kept locked when it was not in use. One evening they told me that there was a new train set in the room. I loved trains so I went down with them to see it. There was a new train set there and I was allowed to play with it. There were also other toys there and a bed beside the radiator. When I went into the room I heard the door lock behind me and I knew I was in trouble. **LS 27** put me on the bed, took my trousers off and started rubbing my genital area. He grabbed my arm and put me down on the bed and raped me first **LS 27** then raped me while I had to put **LS 21** penis in my mouth and masturbate **LS 26**'s penis. I thought I was going to die that day. **LS 26** or **LS 27** never touched me again after that incident.
11. I don't know **LS 27** surname but he had black wavy hair and swarthy skin. **LS 21** was a tall man in his forties or fifties. He was well built and had a rasping sound to his voice. He had greyish sandy hair which he wore in a side parting. He always wore brown or fawn coloured trousers and I remember he drove a silver Ford Cortina vehicle. **LS 26** was in his fifties, well

- built with grey hair which he also wore in a side parting. He always wore Brut aftershave. To this day, I cannot stand the smell of it and I can't use it.
12. I could never discuss the abuse I suffered with anyone. My mother and father did come to see me once or twice but most of the time I would go home to see them on the weekends. I was allowed home after my first few weeks in Lissie. I loved getting home at the weekends. I did not want to go back to Lissie and I remember I was always delighted every time I got sick or something happened that allowed me to stay at home for longer. I never told my mother or father what was happening at Lissie because I did not think that they would believe me and I was afraid of what would happen.
13. There were other incidents of physical abuse from the staff nurses. All of the nurses were very strict. One day I was not feeling well and I could not finish my dinner. **LS 22** asked me why I was not eating my food and I told her that I was not feeling well. She shouted at me that it was a waste of good food and then she hit me on the side of face that knocked me to the floor. **LS 22** was a thin woman with chestnut coloured hair.
14. I recall another incident when I was in the T.V room with **LS 28**. We were watching Mohammed Ali in a world title fight and I was excited running around the room. **LS 23** told me to stop messing about but I did not listen to her. She dragged me into the bathroom beside the T.V room and rubbed soap on my tongue until I was physically sick. **LS 23** had a pale complexion with black shoulder length hair.
15. The only time I saw another child being abused was when **LS 21** and the other nurse called **LS 27** force-fed **LS 14** in the bed opposite where I slept. **LS 27**, the nurse, pinned **LS 14** down and **LS 21** had a tube and a funnel which they forced down his throat. They pinned him to the bed and poured a substance down the funnel and into his stomach.
16. There was a reward system for good behaviour at Lissie which was based on points and if you got enough points you got a treat, for example, a telephone

call home was 750 points or a trip to the swimming pool required 1050 points. I remember getting to swimming pool once. It would have been very difficult for a child to get 750 points because a lot of them were more rebellious than me. I also remember Miss World visited the children in Lissue one time and the Army use to visit on a weeknight and brought movies to watch in the TV room. I think they were from Thiepval Barracks in Lisburn.

17. If you were caught misbehaving the nurses made you stand in the corner facing the wall. One time I was thrown into the cupboard and locked in the dark. I do not know how long I was in there for. I hated the dark. Whenever I was at home my mum kept my bedroom door open and landing light on because I hated the dark.

18. I ran away once with **LS 29** who was a few years older than me **LS 29** suggested the plan to me and it was shortly after the sexual abuse I suffered from **LS 21**, **LS26** and **LS 27**. I was delighted with the plan and wanted to get away from Lissue. It was around Spring time and we waited until everyone was in the dining area eating supper. We then left through the play area at the back of the classrooms. We crossed a stream and came to a railway track that ran in front of Lissue Hospital. We were heading along the railway track when the nurses **LS 21** and **LS 27** caught up with us. They grabbed us and put us in the back of a car and took us back to the hospital. They separated us and I do not know what torture they did to **LS29** that night. They put me in a bath of ice cubes and then threw me into bed while I was still soaking wet and freezing. The next day my bed was totally soaking. I do not know if it was because I wet myself that night or because I was soaking wet when I went to bed. When I look back on my experiences in Lissue Hospital, I often think Lissue should have been a place of safekeeping for children but I was not safe there. I do not think the other children were safe within Lissue either. I remember **LS 30** tried to escape Lissue one time. He kicked the wooden panel of an emergency exit door to try to get out but failed.

19. I did have some talking therapy with Dr Manwell at Lissue. He came to visit me in Lissue but I honestly do not remember any other type of therapy in



cope. I attended psychiatric services in the Mater Hospital in Belfast. I was recently assessed by Dr Mangan Consultant Psychiatrist in Craigavon Area Hospital and he diagnosed me with chronic post traumatic stress and recurrent depression. I have repeated flashbacks to the sexual attacks. At times I feel life is not worth living and I have problems with sleeping and nightmares.

24. I got married before my 30th birthday and although my wife knew I was in Lissue, she didn't know exactly what had happened to me. My wife and I have three girls. I had a fear of the victim becoming the abuser before I had my children but thankfully that never happened. I love my children. I have a very good relationship with them. I would describe myself as an over protective parent. My eldest is child now 18 years old. My children do not know anything about the abuse. My wife has her own health problems but she has been a tower of strength for me.

25. I only told my wife and parents about the abuse I had suffered when the news about Lissue broke in the media in September 2011. There was a spread in the Irish News for several weeks and I was worried my family would find out. My wife was very supportive. My father is in a care home and suffers from dementia and ill-health so he does not fully understand. My mother made a statement to the police. I reported my experiences to the PSNI Antrim Police Station in January 2012 and I also instructed a solicitor at this time for further advice. The Investigation Officer, [REDACTED] advised me last year that the two male nurses LS 27 and LS 26 have not been traced and [REDACTED] LS 21 is living somewhere in Northern Ireland but no prosecutions will be made. I understand the PPS have directed that there is not enough evidence to prosecute [REDACTED] LS 21.

26. With the media coverage and the stress of reliving my experiences I took sick leave from work. I had worked with the [REDACTED] from 1988. I was also a volunteer worker in [REDACTED] at the time. It was a very low period of my life. I stole £8,000 from the [REDACTED] in late 2011. I wanted to use it out of desperation and get on a flight to anywhere in the world. I did not care if the



plane crashed. I never even spent the money. Shortly after this, I walked into the police station and confessed all to the PSNI. I returned all of the money and received a suspended sentence for two years. As a result my employer demoted me from my job as security officer to a cleaner. My employer is now fully aware of my circumstances and I was referred to occupational health. I had another suicide attempt in October 2012. I went missing from work for several hours and my employer contacted the PSNI. The police found me at [REDACTED]. I had planned to hang myself. A police officer brought me back home and I grabbed his gun and attempted to shoot myself.

27. I had sixteen sessions of counselling through Nexus after my last suicide attempt but that course is finished now. I am getting some counselling through my GP and he monitors my medication to help me cope. I will be taking medications for the rest of my life. I have an ongoing civil action against the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust for personal injury via my Solicitors [REDACTED].

28. I remember when the news first started covering Lissue, one of the things that really annoyed me was a statement made by Edwin Poots. He said words to the effect that individual stories of abuse were "a figment of those people's imagination". It made me feel very angry and bitter that such a person in public life could make a statement which diminished my experience of abuse in this way. I wish to God that it had been a figment of my imagination but unfortunately for me it was a very real nightmare.

### Statement of Truth

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

Signed [REDACTED]  
HIA220

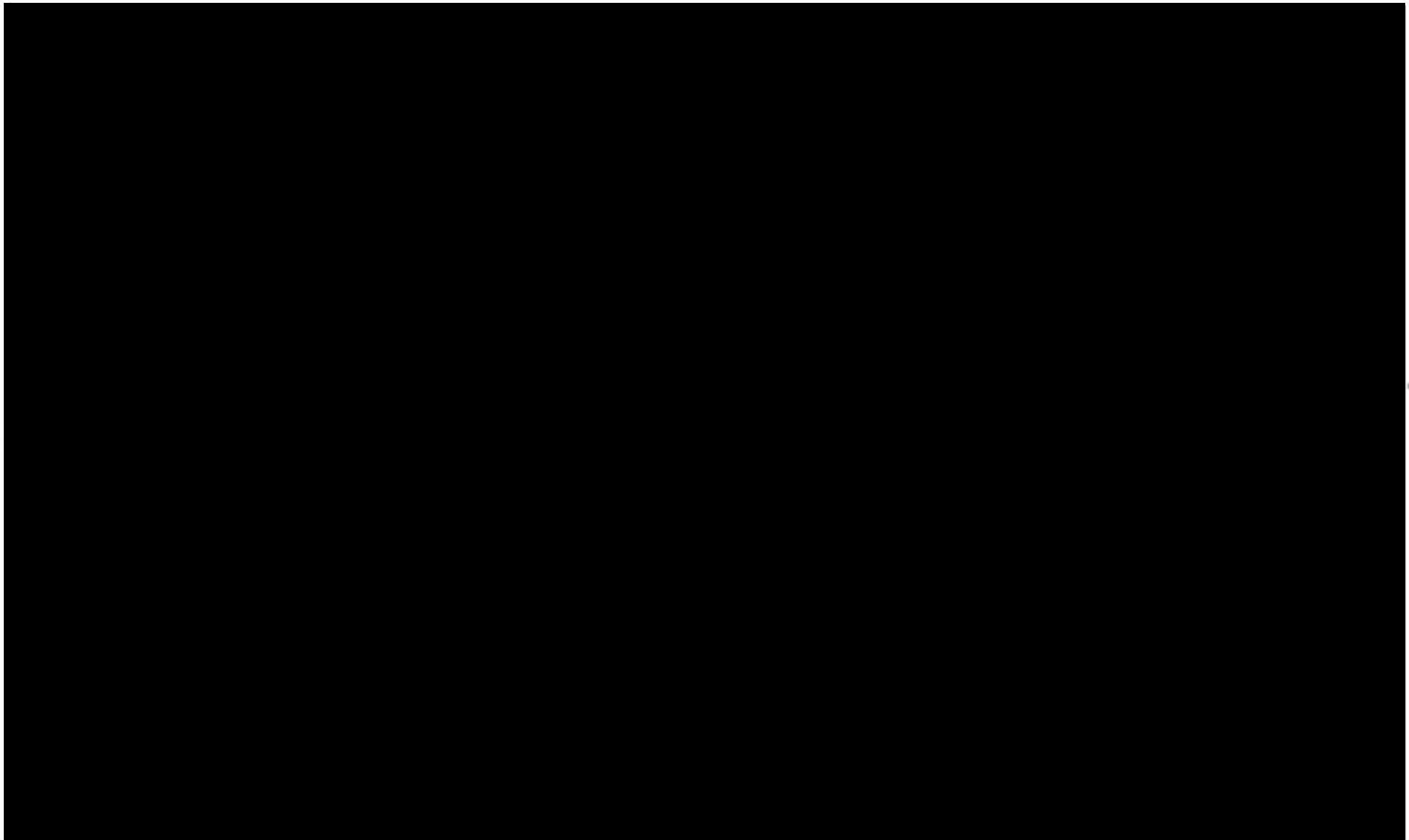
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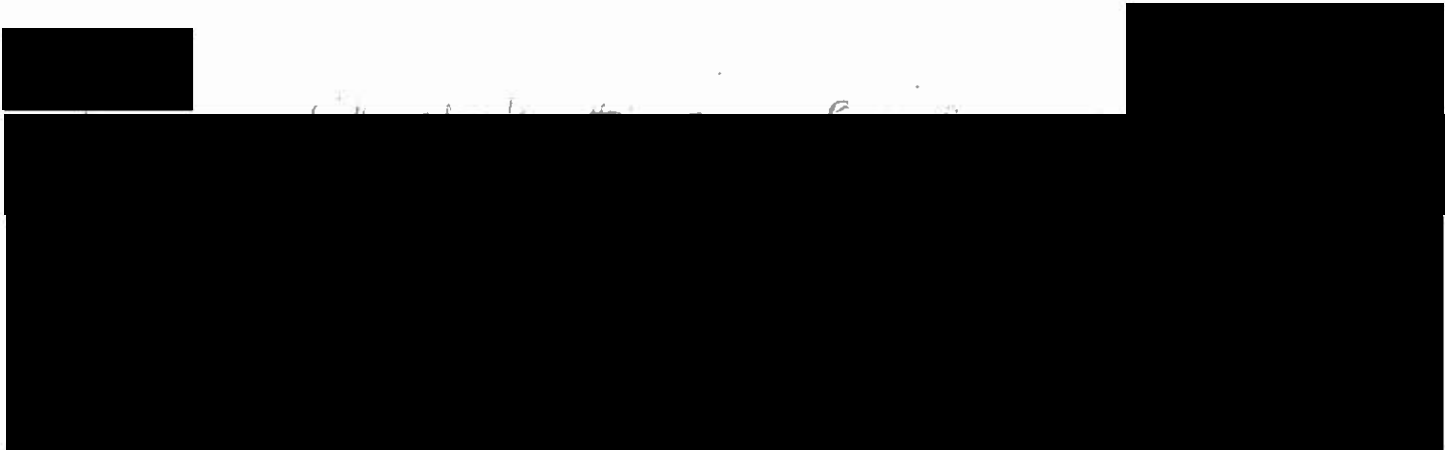
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HIA REF: LS21

NAME: **LS 21**

DATE: 11 February 2016

## THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **LS 21**

I, **LS 21**, will say as follows:

Personal details:

1. I would wish to have my name, date of birth, address and personal details kept private and not disclosed to the public. I am willing to provide full details to the Inquiry but wish to have same anonymised in terms of this statement and any appearance if necessary before the Inquiry. I do this for the following reasons:

2. I was born on [REDACTED] and accordingly I am aged 73 at the time of writing and 74 shortly. I live with my wife who is aged 74 years at [REDACTED].

3. I have suffered from depression from initially 1992 for a period of months. This led to my medical retirement [REDACTED]. Between 1996 and approximately 2000 my health improved. I started to suffer from arthritis from in or around 2000 and this condition persists. It currently affects everywhere from my neck and shoulders through my upper limbs and lower limbs and my back. It causes me great pain and discomfort. It also greatly limits my mobility.

4. When I was asked to visit the police on a voluntary basis about these allegations my depression reoccurred and since in or around February 2015 to date I have been suffering from depression. With receipt of the documents from the Inquiry my depression got to such a stage that I had suicidal thoughts. I attended my doctor about this.

5. I live in a small community where everyone is well aware of everyone else's business. I have a particularly unusual surname and therefore any publication of my surname would lead to immediate identification of myself and I do not believe that either my wife who is also suffering from severe depression and suicidal thoughts or myself would be able to survive this.

Response to the allegations:

6. When I was contacted by the police I attended Banbridge Police Station on a voluntary basis with my Solicitor. I was interviewed on 25 February 2015 between 2.00pm and 4.23pm.

7. In each of the three tape recorded interviews I answered every question that was put to me by the police. I supplied the police with as full and complete answers as I possibly could, considering that the allegations apparently related to the periods between 1975 and 1976 – almost 40 years.

I state that all the answers I provided to the police were true and complete to the very best of my memory and recall.

I wish to rely upon the contents of my interviews with the police as being my version of the events.

8. I received a letter from the Public Prosecution Service which unfortunately I have not kept, advising me that there was to be no further action taken against me. I believe this was probably in August or September 2015. I did not keep the letter because I wanted nothing about me relating to these foul allegations. I was trying to move on having had the recurrence of the depression because of the necessity of being interviewed by the police to repudiate the allegations.

9. It came as a complete surprise to me that I was therefore required to provide any evidence to the Inquiry. I have already outlined the effect that this has had upon myself and my elderly wife.

10. I worked at Lissue from in or around 1971. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

11. There would have been two staff members for every child and I worked in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department. Our primary function was records. We had to develop relationships with the children. We had to record their views, their feelings, how they were and how they were interacting. We had to act as liaison with the teachers and the other team members. Much of our work was in meetings and then with the children from perhaps 3.00pm to 7.00pm or perhaps 7.30pm. We had to be in a position to implement the therapies that were assigned and determined for each individual child on a daily basis. Everything we did was designed to have detailed records prepared for meetings. These meetings involved the multi disciplinary team which included psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, head teacher and psychologists. This work was done every morning from 9.30am until 11.30am. Determinations about the progress of each child was then assessed and we

then moved on from these determinations. Any change in any child which was apparent was noted and determined on a daily basis.

12. Once I became [REDACTED] I then undertook the training of my staff and maintaining their progress records. I had evaluations to do on each of them and prepare them for different courses that they might have undertaken and evaluate their reports and the records that were made by each of the staff. Although I would have observed the staff with the children I had an enormous amount of administrative work to do. My involvement directly with the children would have been in therapy. In particular I was involved with systems theory. In it I would direct sessions that were taking place between a family, child and psychologist. A session would be looking at the issues that were presented and ways of how to cope with it. I remember working with Dr Nelson and Dr McAuley. Some of my other duties included attending the main hospital and meeting [REDACTED] managers.

13. I would only have done night shift if I had to cover for someone who was sick or some other particular reason. Any night shifts I would have done would have been quite rare during my career at Lissue.

14. I both gave out medication and supervised the giving of medication. Initially this was done through a medicine trolley. In later years there was a defined letterbox for each child. I was one of 15 staff who were trained in this role.

15. My designation was child and adolescence psychiatry. I did not work in the paediatric area. Both units were on separate floors. The children in my ward would have been aged between 4 and 14 years of age.

16. I worked on the first floor of the building. It also had access to the ground because the building was built on a hill. There was a play ground and garden accessible where I worked. There was a day room. Off it were 3 x 4 bedded dormitories. The dormitories were not mixed sex. There was one 8 bedroom dormitory which was across the corridor from the main office used by all staff.

17. I did not wear a uniform. I would wear casual trousers, a shirt, jacket and tie.

18. I have been asked what type of motor car I had between 1971 and 1988. I had many cars. I would change my car every 2 or 3 years. I remember having an Austin Maxi. I also drove Fords including a Ford Cortina and Ford Capri.

19. I did not drive a Mark 3 Ford Cortina. I have been asked if I had a silver car and I remember having a Renault 18 which was silver. The Ford Cortina I had was a 1300 CC standard Cortina. I think it was grey. I do not think it was silver.

20. I never worked with a nurse called [REDACTED] LS26 [REDACTED]. I did not work with a nurse called [REDACTED] LS 27 [REDACTED]. I remember [REDACTED] LS 22 [REDACTED] as a staff nurse who was very competent. I remember [REDACTED] LS 23 [REDACTED]. She was not called [REDACTED] LS 23 [REDACTED] LS23 [REDACTED].

was a paediatric nurse but she was so good we gave her a place in psychiatry. I recall **LS 7** **LS 7** was a staff nurse. **LS 25** was a nursing auxiliary. I do not remember anyone called **LS 74**. I was asked about a cook or domestic called **LS 75**. The cook was called **LS 75**

21. I confirm the hospital did use a mini bus. The driver was called **LS76**. Perhaps patients may have referred to him as **LS91** but I do not know.

22. I do not remember a teacher called **LS20**. I remember **LS2** and **LS3**

23. During my time in Lissue I did not witness any inappropriate behaviour.

24. There was a bathroom on the floor at the top of the stairs. There was a small day room on the right and off it was a bathroom with a bath not a shower. Beside the 3 x 4 bed dormitories at the bottom of that corridor was a toilet and I think there was a bathroom there.

25. On a normal day would have worked an 8 hour shift at Lissue. There were 15 trained staff assigned to 25/26 children. I was asked did I recall a patient called **LS 14**. I recalled him clearly as he was the first boy child with anorexia nervosa. He was aged about 10 and he died in his teens.

26. I do not recall **LS 29**. I recall particular children if they had particular types of history. The average length of stay per child was between 9 to 13 weeks. If it was longer than that there had to be very serious discussions about their condition. Some children also were returned with conditions reoccurring. I do not remember **LS 16**. I recall **LS13**. I do not recall **LS28** or **LS19**. I remember a **LS19** **LS19**

27. I do not remember **HIA220**. There were copious records and I kept very detailed records of all the children. It was my function to collate the reports of my staff. I had to be present at the multi disciplinary unit each morning. We met there as a team and looked at, evaluated and measured the previous 24 hours. This was done every day. The consultants would chair these on Mondays and Fridays. On the other days it would be chaired by a senior registrar. Everyone kept records not just me. The psychologist kept records. The social worker kept records. Senior Registrar kept records and the teachers kept records. After 1973 I was involved with the more sophisticated types of therapy. I would see the family and work with the consultants or the psychologist with special programmes of care.

28. The discipline system was a reward system. Punishment could be being timed out for 2 or 3 minutes in a corner or go to your room. Someone could just remove them from the situation depending on how acutely difficult it was. Sometimes they could injure themselves or injure each other. It was also during the time of Northern Ireland's social

unrest and there were sectarian issues. I banned all things like Ulster badges or tri colour badges. I began a morning meeting after breakfast to prevent them "killing" each other before going to school. There would be a big circle where everyone would sit around and they would bring up their particular difficulties. We quietly managed to get these things sorted out before the children actually went for the first period of school. It was very successful and meant that the child was not left with a conflict unresolved for the whole day. The children were escorted to school at 9.00am. They had a break at 10.45am for 15 minutes. They then went back to school until about 12 noon. They had their lunch between 12 noon and 12.45pm. They would go back to school to 3.00pm. They would then come back to the unit. Organised activities would be arranged and some may have had ongoing treatment. The evening meal would be at 5.00pm. On occasions I would be present after 5.00pm if I did a shift between 1.00pm and 8.00pm. Sometimes I also worked to 6.00pm from 8.00am. Once a month I may work on a Saturday between 8.00am and 5.00pm depending on the need for cover. Most of the children went home on Friday afternoon for the weekend. There would have been 3 or 4 children staying at the weekend.

29. The police asked me again about HIA220 aged 9 or 10 in or about 1975/1976. I do not remember anyone of that name. Given the age and sex put to me I believe that such a person may have been there because of conduct behaviour disorders or school difficulties.

30. Each of the allegations made in his statement to the police was put to me and I deny and continue to deny each and every allegation about HIA220. Having those allegations put to me made me very upset.

31. If anyone had been held for longer than 13 weeks I believe I would have remembered him. The suggestion that he was there continually between 1975 and 1976 does not make any sense to me. I believe such an assertion is improbable.

32. There are records of staff which are available and accessible. There was no one called LS26 at Lissue at the time I was working there.

33. I do not believe there was any nurse working there called LS27.

34. I deny that there would have been dormitories shared between boys and girls. The only exception would be dormitories for babies.

35. I do not believe there was a teacher called LS20. The teaching staff were there before I joined and were still there when I left.

36. I would state that Lissue did not have any animals in particular a pony. However the house was set in a rural setting and there may have been animals in the neighbouring fields.

37. The specific allegation of sexual abuse carried out by me against HIA220 in the dormitory is completely denied by me. The threats and intimidation alleged against me by HIA220 is again completely denied by me. All these allegations are completely false.

The further suggestion that this abuse then happened maybe twice or three times every month is again completely denied by me. Such allegations are completely false.

38. A further allegation which took place at some unknown time maybe about 7.00pm in the evening when HIA220 alleged that I brought him to a craft room is completely denied by me. All allegations relating to this are completely false. The other persons who allegedly took part in this namely the nurse called LS27 and LS26 are people who I believe do not exist. I believe that records should be checked to confirm whether or not these people exist. If they do not exist I would state that this is an example of complete concoction by HIA220. The only craft room that I recall was very small. In size it was like the police interview room. It could even be smaller than that. There were no toys in it. There was no bed in it. There would have been easels on the floor for painting. Perhaps 5 in number. There would have been a small table with paint and water jars and items for mixing paint.

39. HIA220 then makes further allegations that he tried to escape with other persons. I do recall having to chase after children who were absconding. I would never have done this alone. I would have had other staff with me. I never chased after absconding children with anyone called LS27. I would have gone into Lisburn in the car and taken female staff with me if a child had absconded. Although I tried to catch absconders I never succeeded. It was either the police or the army who found them and brought them back. The allegation that I caught HIA220 and then returned him and threw him into a bath full of ice is completely false. Ice cubes would not have been available outside the kitchen. The kitchen was adjoining the separate paediatric unit. It was closed from 5pm. I had no access to it. Night staff would have been present. They would never have allowed a child to go to bed in a soaking wet cold condition. Children would have been checked in particular by LS25 in case there were soiling marks on their pyjamas. Other staff would have done similar checks.

40. The suggestion that the following morning I then threw HIA220 into a bath of cold water and ice cubes is completely false. The night staff would check every hour on the children. Any with particular difficulties would be checked every 15 minutes.

41. I was asked about my clothing while working at Lissue. I remember wearing black flannels. I remember wearing a black belt but not a brown belt.

42. Throughout my life I have been brought up as a Christian and have tried to live my life according to Christian principles. I completely deny all the allegations made against me. I find the allegations distasteful and disgusting. In Lissue we had many sex abuse cases which we had to investigate. We had a psychology department with a full armoury of anatomically correct dolls. I believe it is inconceivable that anything such as alleged against me could have happened. If any of these incidents had happened someone's suspicions would have been triggered. The unit was multi disciplinary and included daily discussions, examining,



evaluating and looking at the treatment therapies. The staff responded to all kinds of issues. The particular allegations of anal abuse made against me by someone who at the time would have been perhaps 12 years of age would have been easily investigated and would have had medical repercussions which would have been noticed and reported very quickly. There would have been a very very strict evaluation of any circumstances where a child would present with any of the symptoms of any kind of abuse.

Additional points occurring to me after my police interview:

43. It is my belief that any fire escape referred to by HIA220 was at least 90 feet from his dormitory and therefore not a short distance as he described.

44. The route between any such bathroom and his dormitory involved the passing of 3 x 4 bedded dormitories. These dormitories had glass windows in their doors and therefore movement would have been visible. If any allegation relates to day time, staff would have had to have passed through a busy and occupied day room to get to HIA220's dormitory – assuming he was in the 8 bed dormitory. I recall LS13 was in this 8 bed dormitory to be closest to the office.

45. With regard to the first allegation against me by HIA220 he states that this took place in the dormitory. That dormitory would have been a matter of a few feet away from a busy office which was constantly occupied throughout the day time by doctors, psychologists, nursing staff seeking treatment plans. In addition after 3.00pm teachers may have used the office. Domestic cleaning staff would have been present from time to time. I estimate that approximately 30 people would have used that office on a daily basis. LS77 was the secretary daily in this office.

46. During these alleged attacks a severely epileptic child LS13 would have been present in the same dormitory as described by HIA220. That child would have required constant supervision and monitoring throughout the day and night because of his severe epilepsy.

47. In describing another incident HIA220 says it took place in an arts and craft room which he said contained a bed beside a radiator. There was never any bed in any arts and craft room.

48. I would never have gone out from Lissue in my own car with any patient unless accompanied by a female member of staff. Hospital records should verify this.

49. The suggestion at paragraph 15 by HIA220 that LS14 was force fed is wrong. Such a response was never used at the Hospital. The allegation is a complete fantasy.

50. The whole programme at Lissue at the time of HIA220's complaints was designed to have each child discuss, reveal, report and share every thought that they had with the team

of professionals that was based in Lissie. Therefore the suggestion that any abusive behaviour was not revealed or reported either immediately or very soon after any such incident goes against the whole basis of the Lissie treatment programme. For someone therefore to wait approximately 40 years to make such a report goes entirely against the focus of any programme at Lissie. This can be confirmed by all the professionals who either worked at Lissie, or who were visiting professionals or who are outside professionals and can give such evidence to the Inquiry.

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Signed

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2016