
HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at
Banbridge Court House
Banbridge

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(Day 197)

MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as
Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 Wednesday, 6th April 2016

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.45 am)

5 WITNESS HIA220 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Can I remind
7 everyone if you have a mobile phone, please ensure that
8 it is turned off or placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate", and
9 I must also remind you that no photography is permitted
10 either here in the chamber or anywhere on the premises.

11 I might also for the benefit of those who have not
12 been here before remind you that any names that are
13 mentioned in the chamber, because sometimes we have to
14 use the real names as opposed to the designations we
15 have given for the sake of clarity, those names cannot
16 be used or referred to in any way outside the chamber.

17 Yes, Ms Smith.

18 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and
19 gentlemen. Our first witness today is HIA220. He is
20 "HIA220". HIA220 wishes to take a religious oath and he
21 also wishes to maintain his anonymity.

22 WITNESS HIA220 (sworn)

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA220. Please sit down.

24 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

25 MS SMITH: Now, HIA220, if you just sit there for a moment

1 while I tell the Panel where some documents are in
2 respect of you.

3 HIA220's statement is at LIS021 to 029.

4 The Health & Social Care Board response is at 784 to
5 790.

6 There is a short statement from the Department of
7 Health, Social Services & Public Safety at LIS784 to
8 7... -- sorry. I have given the wrong reference number
9 for that, I am afraid. Yes. The DHSS statement is at
10 784 to 790 and the Health & Social Care Board response
11 is at 1157 through to 1195.

12 There is also material from the police in the
13 bundle. It starts at 31251 and goes through to 31335,
14 and there are other page references that I will make
15 reference to.

16 Now, HIA220, I am going to ask that your statement
17 be put up on the screen, please. That is LIS021. You
18 see, as I was explaining to you earlier, HIA220, instead
19 of your name there it says "The Witness Statement of
20 HIA220". Can I just ask you to confirm, HIA220, that
21 this is the statement you gave to the Inquiry and that
22 you signed that statement on 7th January of this year?

23 A. Yes, that's correct.

24 Q. And this is the evidence that you want the Inquiry to
25 consider together with anything else that you tell us

1 this morning?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, HIA220, your personal details are set out in
4 paragraphs 1 to 3 of your statement. You are now 47,
5 and we know that you went to Lissie for intensive
6 therapy treatment between 1975 and 1976. You thought
7 you were then aged 7, which would be correct.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The records that the Inquiry has received show that you
10 went there on 4th November 1975 until 30th June '76,
11 which is a period of eight months. You then went as
12 a day patient -- you returned as a day patient between
13 4th August '76 and 1st September '76, and for a short
14 period you went back in as an in-patient on 10th August
15 to 15th August 1976. You, when we were talking earlier,
16 had no recollection of any of the dates.

17 A. No.

18 Q. I was explaining to you that we would not expect you to,
19 but you were right that you were there between '75 and
20 '76.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Paragraph 4 of your statement, if we can scroll down to
23 that, please, you talk about being brought to Lissie,
24 and you say your mum brought you in a taxi. You think
25 your father was working at the time. When you realised

1 that you were not going home with your mum, you became
2 very upset and very difficult. You had no idea why you
3 were being left there. You kicked the doors to get out
4 and grabbed the handles. It was the first time you had
5 left home. You were frightened at the idea of being in
6 a strange place by yourself. You also missed your
7 father. You say that you were shy and quiet at the
8 beginning and kept your own company.

9 Now the records that the Inquiry has seen do confirm
10 that when you went into the unit -- and I read that to
11 you and it can be seen -- I don't think we need to call
12 it up -- but it is at LIS1171 -- describes your
13 behaviour on the ward on admission as disruptive. You
14 would confirm that from your own statement, HIA220.
15 Isn't that right?

16 A. Yes, yes.

17 Q. You remember forming a friendship with an older girl,
18 whose name you give here. You thought she would have
19 been about 16 years old. As I was explaining to you, we
20 know that children were in Lissue in the '70s up to the
21 age of 14.

22 A. Right.

23 Q. It is possible -- there were one or two older children
24 there, but it's possible that as a 7-year-old you might
25 have thought she was about 16. Isn't that right? She

1 might only have been 14?

2 A. Yes, ma'am. That's right.

3 Q. You say she took you under her wing. Then you gradually
4 made other friends who you name in your statement. I am
5 just going to use the first names of these children.
6 The girl -- the older girl was LS88 . You remember
7 a boy called LS11 and his sister LS12 and another boy
8 LS13, who was only 3 or 4 you say. He had epilepsy and
9 wore a foam helmet. You also remember a boy called
10 LS14, a boy LS15, a LS16, a LS17, a LS18 and a LS19.

11 A. Yes, that is correct.

12 Q. You remember LS19 was always singing.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. There was a broad age range of children. One of the
15 things I didn't ask you about, HIA220, but can you
16 confirm that children were divided into groups, colour
17 groups according to their age? There was a red group, a
18 blue group or a green group?

19 A. Yes, that's correct.

20 Q. Do you remember what group you were in?

21 A. No, ma'am.

22 Q. "The children with physical disabilities", as you say,
23 "slept on the ground floor and the rest of us on the
24 first floor unit."

25 The Inquiry has heard that the Paediatric Unit, as

1 it was described, was on the ground floor and the
2 Psychiatric Unit that you were admitted to was on the
3 first floor. There was a locked door at the top of the
4 stairs leading into the Psychiatric Unit. Isn't that
5 right?

6 A. Yes, that's correct.

7 Q. You say that you were on that first floor with a mixture
8 of children and teenagers and you name the boys that you
9 shared a room with. There was also a younger boy than
10 you called LS89 . There would have been three to
11 four children in one dormitory. You stayed in the same
12 dormitory during your whole time in Lissie.

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. You describe then in paragraph 5 the layout. You
15 remember when you first arrived, you walked through two
16 mahogany doors with wire mesh glass, then through
17 a glass partition. From there you went into the main
18 corridor. The kitchen and TV room was just off this
19 corridor to the right. The other corridor to the left
20 had dormitories and at the end of the corridor was the
21 dining room. At the opposite end of the dining room
22 there was a play area and the classrooms were just
23 beyond that. Now we have heard classrooms were mobile
24 huts outside.

25 A. Yes. There were old buildings, ma'am, old stone -- made

1 of stone with green doors, two green doors, because the
2 whole place was painted in a dark green colour.

3 Q. You have described the play area and you say you were
4 allowed in the play area in the evenings. At the end of
5 the laneway there was a courtyard with green iron
6 wrought gates where the staff parked their cars.
7 Outside the gates you say there was a little cottage and
8 a stable beside a field which kept a pony called
9 Pepper.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You remember being allowed to sit on Pepper once.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Some other child's mum lived in the little cottage.
14 Isn't that right?

15 A. Yes, that was LS89 's mother.

16 Q. You don't remember any other parents living on site in
17 Lissue and the staff didn't reside in Lissue.

18 A. No.

19 Q. You remember cookery classes for older girls that took
20 place in that cottage as well.

21 A. Yes, that's correct, ma'am.

22 Q. I just wanted to ask about Pepper, because we have
23 heard from someone whom I am going to talk about
24 shortly, the person that you made allegations against in
25 your statement, HIA220, he has said that there were no

1 animals at Lissue, that this horse was not part of the
2 Lissue make-up, but your recollection is clearly that it
3 was.

4 A. It was. Yes, ma'am, that's correct. Pepper the pony,
5 it was a chestnut brown colour. That's why the pony got
6 that name, Pepper, because of the colouring of him or
7 her. Beside the cookery school or class and the flat
8 where LS89 's mum resided there was one stable
9 block and Pepper stayed in there. Sometimes you would
10 have seen Pepper out in the field which was the front
11 of Lissue Hospital, but where we were, the dining area,
12 so you could look actually down into the field itself.

13 Q. You told me that the saddle and that was kept there.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So you remember actually --

16 A. The saddle I believe belonged to Lissue Hospital.

17 Q. Well, in any case you then go on to describe in
18 paragraph 6 your daily routine. You say that you got up
19 early in the mornings, getting washed and dressed and
20 taking your --

21 (Phone rang)

22 A. Sorry.

23 Q. Don't worry. It can happen. Don't worry. Just you
24 were talking about the daily routine here. You say in
25 the mornings you got up, washed, dressed and you took

1 your medication before breakfast and you talk about the
2 medication that you were given.

3 There was a school on site. You say you started
4 about 9.00 am. You remember a teacher and I am going to
5 use the name LS20, because staff who worked in Lissue
6 don't remember a teacher by that name, but I just want
7 to ask, HIA220, we have heard that there was a meeting,
8 a children's meeting, if I can put it that way, between
9 breakfast and going to school, where children could air
10 grievances. For example, if you had got into a fight or
11 an argument with another child, you could tell the staff
12 about that. Do you remember those meetings?

13 A. Yes, there was a meeting took place, but on -- yes, you
14 could say things, but on the abuse side of it you
15 couldn't, because there was a fear factor there.

16 Q. Well, what kind of things could you have talked about at
17 that sort of children's meeting before going to school?

18 A. I can't recall, ma'am.

19 Q. You can't remember?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Okay. Anyway you went to school and as soon as you --
22 you found it hard to concentrate in school. You had
23 a mid-morning break, then lunch. School continued until
24 2.30 or 3.00 and dinner was served about 5.00. You say
25 the food was okay. You were allowed to play outside in

1 the play area until supper at 9.00. You don't recall
2 any physical education or sports at Lissue. You liked
3 to run and you remember racing with another boy, LS14,
4 as he was a fast runner.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You say:

7 "The staff were very friendly for the first three
8 months before the abuse started."

9 You say there were male and female nurses and they
10 worked on shift patterns. Then -- and you will see we
11 have given a designation here:

12 "LS21 was one of the senior nurses and he dealt with
13 patients' medication."

14 You remember other members of staff. Again I will
15 just use first names. There was a LS22, a LS23, an
16 LS24, a LS25 and a LS26 -- I am going to use the full
17 name -- LS26, another male nurse called LS27. There was
18 a domestic in the kitchen who you thought was called
19 LS90 . She helped the bus driver transfer the children
20 from Lissue to Belfast. You remember the bus driver
21 being called LS91

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You say that LS91 LS90 were lovely people.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Paragraph 8 then, HIA220, you go on to talk about the

1 abuse you say you suffered from LS21. I will just use
2 the first name again to make it easier for you to know
3 what we are saying, and that was LS21. You say you were
4 in the dining area with some other children playing with
5 toys.

6 "He approached me and took me to my dormitory and
7 locked the door. He told me I was sick and that he was
8 my friend and wanted to make me feel better. He sat me
9 on his knee and rubbed his hands up and down my legs.
10 He slipped his hands into my genitals and touched me.
11 I was crying and tried to push his hands away, but he
12 kept telling me that he was my friend. I knew it was
13 wrong, because my father had never touched me like that.

14 The second time he attacked me was more violent. He
15 attacked me from behind and raped me in my dormitory.
16 He told me that this was our little secret and
17 threatened that if I ever told anyone, he would kill me
18 and I would never see my mother or father again."

19 You say he continued to abuse you about two, three
20 times a month until you left Lissue. You say you know
21 there were other children being abused:

22 "... but we didn't speak about it. We would have
23 been too afraid, and I believe the other staff members
24 knew what was happening, but they turned a blind eye."

25 Now if I can just pause there and ask you, HIA220,

1 why did you think -- how did you know that there were
2 other children being abused and why did you think that
3 staff knew about it?

4 A. I thought it was only me, and then there was other
5 children in my own mind were sitting and keeping
6 themselves to themselves. They would have been -- they
7 wouldn't have been outward. They were just keeping
8 themselves to themselves and ...

9 Q. And you thought that that was the reason --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- why they were doing that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Why do you think staff knew what was going on?

14 A. Because at that time my own opinion of it was turn
15 a blind eye. "I didn't" -- didn't want to get involved,
16 saying, "I didn't see" -- "Did you see that?" "I didn't
17 see what." Deny all liability.

18 Q. But is this something that you think -- is this
19 something you heard staff say or is it something that
20 you just think now?

21 A. In my own opinion that's what I think.

22 Q. But there was nothing at the time that you -- that led
23 you to believe that they knew this was going on?

24 A. No.

25 Q. You go on to talk in paragraph 10 about another incident

1 where you were raped by LS21 and the two other men LS26
2 and LS27. You say:

3 "There was an arts and crafts room at Lissue which
4 was a quiet room away from the main part of the
5 hospital. It was kept locked when it was not in use.
6 One evening they told me there was a new train set in
7 the room, and I love trains, so I went down to see it.
8 There was a new train set there and I was allowed to
9 play with it. There were also other toys there and
10 a bed beside the radiator. When I went into the room,
11 I heard the door lock behind me and I knew that I was in
12 trouble."

13 You say that LS21 put you on the bed, took your
14 trousers off and started rubbing your genital area. He
15 grabbed your arm, put you down on the bed and raped you
16 first. LS27 then raped you while you had to put LS21's
17 penis in your mouth and masturbate LS26's penis.

18 "I thought I was going to die that day. LS26 or
19 LS27 never touched me again after that incident."

20 Now I am just going to pause there to say that the
21 Health & Social Care Board have said that they have no
22 record of these last two men. They have no record of
23 a man with the name LS26 and the surname that you give
24 ever working in Lissue and they have no record of
25 an LS27 ever working there. Certainly I will tell you

1 about what LS21 says shortly, but he also says that
2 there was nobody of that name, no staff member of those
3 names in Lissue. Might you have got the names wrong?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Those are the names that you definitely remember?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You go on then to describe in paragraph 11 that the men
8 whose names that you give, and I am not going to go
9 through the description, but you describe them there and
10 you talk about the clothing that they wear. It is true
11 to say that staff in Lissue, none of the staff wore
12 uniforms. They all wore civilian clothing. Isn't that
13 right?

14 A. Yes, that's correct.

15 Q. You said at paragraph 12 that you didn't -- although you
16 got home at weekends, you never discussed abuse with
17 anyone. You remember your father and mother coming to
18 see you once or twice, but most of the time you got home
19 at weekends. You loved getting home. You didn't want
20 to go back. You remember you were always delighted
21 every time you got sick or something happened and your
22 parents allowed you to stay home a little longer.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You never told them what was happening because you
25 didn't think they would believe you and you were afraid

1 of what would happen if you did tell, having been
2 threatened.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now the Inquiry has received a statement from LS21. It
5 is in the bundle at LIS30514. He was also interviewed
6 by police about the matter and I will come back to that
7 in due course, but in his statement to the Inquiry he
8 said that he had no recollection of you. He remembered
9 other names of children that you named in your
10 statement, but he had no memory of you. He said that at
11 paragraph 27 of his statement.

12 He worked in Lissue from it opened in 1971, from the
13 Psychiatric Unit opened. He was a Staff Nurse until
14 1973. Then when you were there in 1976, he was actually
15 the Ward Manager, in charge of training staff and
16 keeping recall their staff records. He did say that he
17 had enormous administrative work to do, that he would
18 have done night shift occasionally and he gave out
19 medication, but he was ...

20 He describes the first floor of the building. He
21 said it also had access to the ground, because the
22 building was built on a hill. Is that right? So from
23 the first floor you didn't have to go downstairs to get
24 outside?

25 A. No, you didn't.

1 Q. You could have got outside from the first floor?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. He says:

4 "There was a playground and garden accessible where
5 I worked. There was a day room. Off it were three- and
6 four-bedded dormitories. The dormitories were not mixed
7 sex."

8 So you were in a dormitory with only boys. Isn't
9 that right?

10 A. No.

11 Q. In your statement you named only boys, though.

12 A. Yes, but there was one girl in my dormitory also.

13 Q. And I think the name you gave me was LS28.

14 A. Yes, that's correct.

15 Q. Did she come in later during your time there or what was
16 --

17 A. No, she was already in the Lissue Hospital when I was
18 put into it.

19 Q. But did she come into your dorm later?

20 A. Oh, yes, yes, yes.

21 Q. He also says:

22 "There was an eight-bedroom dormitory which was
23 across the corridor from the main office used by all the
24 staff."

25 A. Yes. There was a dormitory facing the -- their office,

1 yes.

2 Q. And, as I say, he said he never worked with a nurse
3 called LS26. He didn't work with a nurse called LS27.
4 He does remember LS22. He remembers not a LS23 but
5 someone with the same surname called , and he also
6 remembered LS24 and LS25. He didn't remember the cook
7 being called LS90 . He remembered a LS75
8 being the cook.

9 A. LS75 , that name doesn't ring anything with me,
10 no.

11 Q. There was certainly a minibus driver called .
12 Patients may have referred to him as LS91 , but he
13 doesn't remember. He doesn't remember a teacher called
14 LS20. He gives names of other teachers whom he did
15 remember. He says that during this time he didn't
16 witness any inappropriate behaviour. He said that there
17 was a bathroom on the floor at the top of the stairs.
18 There was a small day room on the right and off it was
19 a bathroom with a bath, not a shower. He talks about
20 working a normal eight-hour shift at Lissue. I am not
21 going to go through all this, as you appreciate.

22 A. No.

23 Q. He does say he remembered the boy LS14 and he remembered
24 him particularly because he was the first boy child who
25 had anorexia. I am going to come to that in a moment,

1 because you say in your statement at paragraph 15 --
2 well, I will come to it -- yes, we will just deal with
3 paragraph 15, first of all, and we can go back up. You
4 say:

5 "The only other time I saw another child being
6 abused was when LS21 and another nurse force fed him in
7 bed opposite where I sleep. The nurse pinned him down
8 and LS21 had a tube and a funnel and they forced down
9 his throat. They pinned him to the bed and poured
10 a substance down the funnel and into his stomach."

11 Now what we know from what we have been told and
12 from what LS21 says in his statement is that this child
13 was anorexic and it is possible that this was part of
14 his treatment, this putting food into him, but you would
15 not have known that at the time --

16 A. No.

17 Q. -- as a child, HIA220.

18 A. No.

19 Q. Isn't that correct?

20 A. Yes, that's correct.

21 Q. What you saw you thought was abuse --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- even though now, looking back and knowing that this
24 child was anorexic, it might have been part of his
25 treatment?

1 A. It is possible it could have been, but as a child I was
2 totally unaware of that there. I wouldn't have known.

3 Q. Well, going back to paragraph 13, if we may, just you
4 say there were other incidents of physical abuse from
5 staff nurses.

6 "All of the nurses were very strict. One day
7 I wasn't feeling well and I couldn't finish my dinner."

8 I think that's , was it?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Sorry. LS22.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. I beg your pardon.

13 "LS22 asked me why I was not eating my food and
14 I told her I wasn't feeling well. She shouted at me it
15 was a waste of good food and then she hit me on the side
16 of the face that knocked me to the floor. She was
17 a thin woman with chestnut-coloured hair."

18 You remember another incident in the TV room with
19 LS23:

20 "We were watching Mohammed Ali in the world title
21 fight and I was excited, running around the room. LS23
22 told me to stop messing about, but I didn't listen to
23 her. She dragged me into the bathroom beside the TV
24 room and rubbed soap on my tongue until I was physically
25 sick."

1 You describe her in that paragraph.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Certainly those two people did work in Lissue at the
4 time that you were there, HIA220, and there are records
5 of them, unlike the other two names that you gave.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You also then go on to talk about the reward system.
8 Sorry. I should just before I move on from those two
9 incidents -- the Health & Social Care Board have said --
10 sorry. HIA220, are you all right?

11 A. Yes, I am fine.

12 Q. Sure?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. As I said to you earlier, if you do need a break at any
15 time, please just say.

16 A. No, love. No, ma'am.

17 Q. They say that they have no record of an incident
18 involving LS23 or LS22, as you describe, and they say
19 that reprimands included time out, where children were
20 put into a corner or just removed from a situation. You
21 would say that was part of what was done.

22 A. I was put into the corner for -- some kids were put into
23 the corner for five, ten minutes, as you say, ma'am, for
24 time out, but I remember standing in the corner for up
25 to forty-five minutes.

1 Q. And they also say that the records show that their
2 parents knew -- your parents knew that time out was used
3 in respect of you, and I think you would accept that
4 your parents did know --

5 A. Yes, I would.

6 Q. -- that that was a technique that was used in Lissue.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Paragraph 16 here you talk about the reward system for
9 good behaviour which was based on points. If you got
10 enough points, you got a treat.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. For example, a telephone call home was 750 points or
13 a trip to the swimming pool required 1050. You remember
14 going to the swimming pool once. You say it would have
15 been difficult for a child to get as many as 750 points,
16 because a lot of them were more rebellious than you.

17 You remember Miss World visited you one time.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the army used to visit on a week-night and bought
20 movies to watch in the TV room. You think the army had
21 come from Thiepval in Lisburn.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You talk about being made to stand in the corner.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Just if I -- there will be more evidence about the

1 reward system, but there were red points for good

2 behaviour and blue for bad. Is that right?

3 A. I believe so, yes.

4 Q. And each child would have had an individual programme

5 that entitled them to so many points from -- for good

6 behaviour according to what kind of behaviours Lissue

7 were trying to address with the child. Do you recall

8 that or do you just remember what happened in respect of

9 you?

10 A. Just in respect of myself and no other children.

11 Q. Okay. You talk about being made to stand in the corner.

12 You say one time you were thrown into the cupboard and

13 locked in the dark. You don't know how long you were

14 there for. You hated the dark. Whenever you were at

15 home your mum kept the bedroom door open and the landing

16 light on because you hated the dark.

17 You go on then to say at paragraph 18 that once --

18 one time you ran away with LS29 --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- who was a few years older than you.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. He had suggested the plan to you and it was shortly

23 after the sexual abuse you suffered and you were

24 delighted with the plan and wanted to get away from

25 Lissue.

1 "It was around springtime, and we waited until
2 everyone was in the dining area eating supper. We then
3 left through the play area at the back of the
4 classrooms. We crossed a stream, came to a railway
5 track that ran in front of Lissue. We were heading
6 along the railway track when the nurses LS21 and LS27
7 caught up with us. They grabbed us, put us in the back
8 of a car and took us back to the hospital. They
9 separated us."

10 You don't know what happened to LS29. You say --
11 you go on to say that:

12 "They put me in a bath of ice cubes and then threw
13 me into bed while I was still soaking wet and freezing.
14 The next day my bed was totally soaking. I do not know
15 if it was because I wet myself that night or because
16 I~was soaking wet when I went to bed. When I look back
17 on my experiences in Lissue Hospital, I often think
18 Lissue should have been a place of safekeeping for
19 children, but I wasn't safe there. I do not think the
20 other children were safe within Lissue."

21 You remember another child tried to escape one time
22 and he kicked the wooden door -- wooden panel in
23 an emergency exit door to get out, but failed.

24 Now I am just going to say that we have had some
25 documents about the absconding incident. We are going

1 to look at that, please, if we could, at LIS1182. Now
2 these are -- as you will see, these are headed "The
3 In-Patient Nursing Notes" that would have been kept by
4 the nurses in Lissue. This is the kind of daily records
5 that were kept in respect of children's behaviour and
6 the Inquiry has heard they were then used to inform the
7 multi-disciplinary meetings that took place each day in
8 respect of children and to inform the treatment plan for
9 each child.

10 Now if we can just -- it is obviously quite hard to
11 make out what's here.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You will see there's some aspects of it have been
14 redacted with heavy black lines, but if we can scroll
15 down, please, to this next entry, you will see here it
16 says -- it looks like "7/8 June '76":

17 "Absconded from visit" -- sorry -- "from unit at
18 8.10 pm accompanied by ..."

19 We know that's LS29's name there.

20 "Brought back by LS21. Thought it was great fun.

21 No remorse shown and f***ed and blinded with all night"

22 I think that is.

23 MS DOHERTY: "... sight."

24 MS SMITH: "... with all in sight when he was sent to bed"

25 -- or "put to bed" that should be -- "when he was put to

1 bed."

2 So that is an entry of you absconding. It confirms
3 what you say, that the person who brought you back was
4 LS21. It doesn't say that anyone else brought you back,
5 just him. It says that you were abusive and it makes
6 absolutely no reference to any ice bath in that entry.
7 It is unclear as to who recorded that, although if we
8 look, it looks like it may have been -- the signature
9 seems to be just below it. It is quite hard to make
10 out. So it is really -- I mean, I wouldn't -- I would
11 be just guessing if I could read that statement, but
12 perhaps Health & Social Care Board might be able to
13 enlighten us as to which member of staff actually would
14 have recorded that. From their records they might be
15 able to identify who it was.

16 So that is recorded there, HIA220, and I just wanted
17 to go back to what LS21 then said about you in his
18 statement. If we can go, please, to 60518 and, as I
19 have said, he was interviewed by police about this as
20 well, but he said at paragraph 29:

21 "The police asked me about HIA220. I do not
22 remember anyone of that name. Given the age and sex put
23 to me, I believe that such a person may have been there
24 because of conduct behaviour disorders or school
25 difficulties.

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

5 He also goes on to explain how he said if you had
6 been in for as long as you say you were and as we now
7 know you actually were, he believes that he would have,
8 you know, remembered you, but he is clearly saying that
9 he has no recollection of you. Therefore he says the
10 suggestion that you were there continually between '75
11 and '76 doesn't make any sense to him.

12 He says there are records of staff and there is
13 no-one called LS26 and he doesn't believe there was any
14 nurse working there called LS27. He says he denies the
15 dormitories would have been shared between boys and
16 girls. The only exception would be for dormitories for
17 babies. He doesn't remember the teacher. He would say
18 that Lissue didn't have any animals, in particular
19 a pony. However, the house was set in a rural setting
20 and there may have been animals in neighbouring fields.
21 He goes on to say:

22 "The specific allegation of sexual abuse carried out
23 by me against HIA220 in the dormitory is completely
24 denied by me. The threats and intimidation alleged
25 against me is again completely denied. All these

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

5 A further allegation which took place at some
6 unknown time, maybe about 7.00 pm in the evening, when
7 HIA220 alleged that I brought him to a craft room, is
8 completely denied by me. All allegations relating to
9 this are completely false. The other persons who
10 allegedly took part in this are people who I believe do
11 not exist. I believe that records should be checked to
12 confirm whether or not these people exist. If they do
13 not exist, I would state that this is an example of
14 complete concoction by HIA220. The only craft room that
15 I recall was very small. In size it was like the police
16 interview room. It could be even smaller than that.
17 There were no toys in it. There was no bed in it.
18 There would have been easels on the floor for painting,
19 perhaps five in number. There would have been a small
20 table with paint and water jars and items for mixing
21 paint."

22 Now do you remember easels in the craft room,
23 HIA220?

24 A. No.

25 Q. "HIA220 then makes further allegations that he tried to

1 escape with other persons. I do recall having to chase
2 after children who were absconding. I would never have
3 done this alone. I would have had other staff with me.
4 I never chased after absconding children with anyone
5 called LS27. I would have gone into Lisburn in the car
6 and taken female staff with me if a child had absconded.
7 Although I tried to catch absconders, I never succeeded.
8 It was either the police or army who found them and
9 brought them back. The allegation that I caught HIA220
10 and then returned him and threw him into a bath full of
11 ice is completely false. Ice cubes would not have been
12 available outside the kitchen. The kitchen was
13 adjoining the separate Paediatric Unit. It was closed
14 from 5.00 pm. I had no access to it. Night staff would
15 have been present. They would never have allowed
16 a child to go to bed in a soaking wet, cold condition.
17 Children would have been checked in particular by LS25
18 in case there were soiling marks on their pyjamas.
19 Other staff would have done similar checks.

20 The suggestion that the following morning I threw
21 HIA220 into a bath of cold water and ice cubes is
22 completely false."

23 Now I don't think we had actually come to that in
24 your statement. He said:

25 "The night staff would check every hour on the

1 children. Any with particular difficulties would have
2 been checked every fifteen minutes."

3 Now I just am pausing there, HIA220, to let you say
4 what you want to say about what LS21 has said in his
5 statement, first of all, just in general terms about the
6 fact that he denies the allegations.

7 A. He's a -- excuse me -- he's a liar. If you want me to
8 sum it up, it's a manifest lie. He states that he never
9 caught anybody. He caught myself and LS29 in his silver
10 mark III Ford Cortina that he drove at the time.

11 Q. What about the kitchen and the, you know, ice cubes
12 being there?

13 A. There could have been another main kitchen, but the
14 kitchen on the first floor where I was put you had the
15 office block where he states earlier on there was staff
16 in and out of the office. Next door to the office was
17 the kitchen where the lady I described as LS90 worked
18 in and out of that there. Now he says the kitchen --
19 the main kitchen may be on the ground floor, closed at
20 5.00, but certainly this kitchen here was opened all the
21 time, because the staff were working shifts, so night
22 shift staff going in to make tea or toast or whatever
23 they did.

24 Q. So this was a small kitchen, was it, upstairs?

25 A. Yes, but there would have been facilities there for ice,

1 whatever else, fridges and stuff like that there.

2 Q. Well, I will come back to it in a moment, but -- sorry.

3 I think just while we are on it, he also talked about it

4 -- and I will give the page reference number. Sorry.

5 I have read that paragraph 40. I beg your pardon.

6 He did, as I say, go on in his statement. Then he
7 talked about the clothing that he wore, and in the next
8 paragraph he said at the last line:

9 "The unit was multi-disciplinary and included daily
10 discussions, examining, evaluating and looking at
11 treatment therapies. The staff responded to all kinds
12 of issues."

13 He says:

14 "The particular allegations of anal abuse made
15 against me by someone who at the time would have been
16 perhaps 12 ..."

17 We know you were younger:

18 "... would have been easily investigated and would
19 have had medical repercussions which would have been
20 noticed and reported very quickly. There would have
21 been a very, very strict evaluation of any circumstances
22 where a child would present with any of the symptoms of
23 any kind of abuse."

24 So basically what he is saying, HIA220, is if you
25 had been abused in the way that you have described to

1 the Inquiry --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- then there would have been some physical signs of
4 that abuse and that would have been picked up on by
5 other staff.

6 A. No. I tell you the reason why, ma'am, I'm saying "No",
7 because the children -- well, me, I was never examined
8 by a nurse or a doctor in any shape or form. Even if
9 I had a sore throat, I wasn't checked. The only times
10 that happened was when I was at home. So to my
11 knowledge -- to me I can honestly say I was never
12 checked, medically checked in any shape or form.

13 Q. Just on that issue there is an entry in the documents
14 relating to you in the bundle -- there is an entry
15 I recall seeing that your mother was complaining to
16 a social worker that you had scabies from Lissue and she
17 had taken you to your own GP --

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. -- about that. Isn't that right?

20 A. Yes, that's right. The scabies -- that I do remember --
21 was in between my toes.

22 Q. Well, now after he was interviewed by police and has
23 obviously had time to think about what he told the
24 police, which is essentially what I have just read out,
25 he also thought about some other things and he has put

1 those into his statement. He said:

2 "It is my belief that any fire escape was at least
3 90 feet from the dormitory and therefore not a short
4 distance", as you describe.

5 I think he was talking about what you described to
6 police in your police statement.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. "The route between any such bathroom and his dormitory
9 involved the passing of three four-bedded dormitories.
10 Dormitories had glass windows in the doors and therefore
11 movement would have been visible. If any allegation
12 relates to day time, staff would have had -- would have
13 to have passed through a busy and occupied room to get
14 to [your] dormitory, assuming that [you were] in the
15 eight-bed dormitory."

16 He recalls that the boy LS13 was in the eight-bed
17 dormitory, which was closest to the office, because of
18 his epilepsy.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. That was -- your dormitory was the one closest to the
21 office. Isn't that right?

22 A. Yes. It was directly opposite the office -- that office
23 door.

24 Q. He says:

25 "With regard to the first allegation, he states this

1 took place in the dormitory. The dormitory would have
2 been a matter of feet away from a busy office, which was
3 constantly occupied throughout the day time by doctors,
4 psychologists, nursing staff seeking treatment plans.
5 In addition after 3.00 teachers may have used the
6 office. Domestic cleaning staff would have been present
7 from time to time."

8 He estimates that approximately thirty people would
9 have used the office on a daily basis. He said that his
10 secretary was daily in the office.

11 So he is essentially saying that what you are
12 describing couldn't have happened, because it would have
13 been seen by any number of staff members, HIA220.

14 A. To your questions, ma'am, there was no glass panels in
15 the doors. The doors are lockable by a key.

16 Q. You are saying he took you into a dormitory that didn't
17 have a glass panel in the door and locked it?

18 A. Yes, that's correct.

19 Q. He goes on to say that:

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

25 A. During -- LS13 used to run about during the day.

1 Q. So you are saying that there was no-one else in the
2 dormitory when this happened?

3 A. No.

4 Q. "In describing another incident, he says it took place
5 in the arts and craft room, which he says contained
6 a bed beside a radiator. There was never any bed in any
7 arts and craft room."

8 A. That's a lie.

9 Q. "I would never have gone out from Lissue in my own car
10 with any patient unless accompanied by a female member
11 of staff. Hospital records should verify that."

12 He goes on to suggest -- say that the child LS14 was
13 not force fed. He said -- he goes on to say then in
14 paragraph 50:

15 "The whole programme at Lissue at the time" that you
16 were complaining of "was designed to have each child
17 discuss, reveal, report and share every thought they had
18 with the team of professionals that was based in Lissue.
19 Therefore the suggestion that any abusive behaviour was
20 not revealed or reported either immediately or very soon
21 after any such incident goes against the whole basis of
22 the Lissue treatment programme. For someone, therefore,
23 to wait approximately forty years to make such a report
24 goes entirely against the focus of the programme at
25 Lissue."

1 So, in other words, he is saying, "Look, part of our
2 treatment programme was to get children to open up and
3 talk to us". He can't understand why then you'd wait
4 forty years to say what you have said. You know, you
5 would have had the opportunity to say something in
6 Lissue.

7 Is there anything you want to say about that,
8 HIA220?

9 A. Yes, there is. For -- yes, it's taken me forty years to
10 get the courage to come out, because I couldn't have
11 approached my father or my mother, because I lived --
12 I lived in a violent household, and so if I had come out
13 with that statement at seven years of age, my father
14 would have killed me. There's no doubt in my mind.

15 Now what LS21 is doing here today, he's telling
16 barefaced lies, and he's lying to himself too, and he's
17 stating that he never -- he was accompanied by a female
18 staff to go out and get children. That's a lie, because
19 he caught me and LS29, and it was him and LS27 who
20 caught me and brought me back, and there was two
21 bathrooms on the first floor of the Lissue Hospital.
22 One down the main corridor, as he states, passes four
23 dormitories. There was a bathroom in the -- just off
24 the day room, which is -- you come into my dormitory,
25 turn right, past the glass panel doors and turn -- the

1 glass partition -- sorry -- and then turn right and you
2 were in the day room that he describes. Off that day
3 room was the bathroom.

4 Q. And that was the bathroom that you described --

5 A. LS23 --

6 Q. -- LS23 taking you into?

7 A. -- LS23 brought me into. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. He does say that it would have been impossible -- sorry
9 -- I should say in his police interview at 30652 --
10 I don't need to call it up, but it's there -- he said
11 that it would have been impossible for him to put ice in
12 a bath without somebody being suspicious as to what he
13 was doing.

14 A. That there question that you asked me earlier on, ma'am,
15 there were -- it's simple. What we have heard over the
16 years of abuse in different institutes, they were
17 turning a blind eye, and it was quite easy in the 1970s
18 to turn a blind eye because The Troubles of Northern
19 Ireland were in full flow. So every day on the news in
20 the '70s, '80s was occupied by a police officer being
21 killed, a prison officer, a civilian. So the whole of
22 Northern Ireland's focus with on The Troubles. Their
23 focus wasn't on protecting children from pure evil.

24 Q. Well, HIA220, I am going to go back to your statement at
25 paragraph 19, which is on page 026. You go on to

1 describe how you had some therapy in Lissue. You
2 remember that Dr Manwell was the consultant psychiatrist
3 in charge of your case.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. He came to visit you in Lissue, but you don't --

6 A. Sorry, ma'am. She.

7 Q. She. I beg your pardon. She, yes. You say that you
8 don't remember anything in particular other than she did
9 come to Lissue.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You played with other children in the playground, but it
12 wasn't structured play or any form of therapy.

13 A. No.

14 Q. You also remember a social worker that you had, who you
15 name here, during your time in Lissue. He used to take
16 you and other children, as you have described, out to
17 the front of the hospital and fly toy aeroplanes.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You never told him anything about the abuse?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You remember finding out inadvertently from the bus
22 driver that you were going to go home and you were
23 delighted.

24 You then go on and describe your life after care in
25 paragraphs 20 to 27. I am not going to go into those

1 details --

2 A. Right.

3 Q. -- but you can be assured that they have been read. At
4 paragraph 25 you describe how you told your wife and
5 your parents after there was press coverage about Lissue
6 in 2011.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You then spoke to the police in early 2012.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Your police statement can be found in the bundle at
11 31280 to 31285. That was on 12th January 2012.

12 Now the police did interview, as I have said, LS21
13 in response to the allegations you made and he clearly
14 from the interview was very upset by and he denied the
15 allegations and his interview is at 30602 to 30655.

16 A. Sorry, ma'am.

17 Q. Sorry.

18 A. You just said he was very upset.

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. What about my life? Upset? My whole life has been
21 totally destroyed by the Lissue Hospital and the
22 institutes that was supposed to protect children, and he
23 was upset?

24 Q. Well, I can see me even telling you that has upset you,

25 HIA220 --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- and that was not my intention. I was just simply
3 reporting what was in --

4 A. No, no, ma'am. No disrespect to you. I know it wasn't
5 your intention, but all my dreams, my aspirations
6 through all my life have been destroyed. You can laugh
7 at this. I wanted to be an airline pilot. You will see
8 me looking up at the sky, but that dream never came
9 true, because it was destroyed. I will be honest with
10 you, and you can minute it, whatever you want. The day
11 Lissue Hospital closed down in 1999 I hoped it burnt.
12 I hoped it burnt to the ground, because people wanted to
13 buy it and I was praying to God that it would burn in
14 flames.

15 Q. HIA220, just to finish off what -- some of the things
16 I wanted to address with you, if I may, just to
17 conclude, the DPP -- PPS I should say directed no
18 prosecution on 15th October 2015. That is at 31279.

19 Now I know from talking to you and from speaking to
20 your wife, who is with you here today, you have brought
21 a civil claim against the authorities for what happened
22 to you in Lissue. That is ongoing. Isn't that correct?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. Now one other matter was at paragraph 28 of your
25 statement you made reference there to being -- hearing

1 -- when the news first started being covered -- covering
2 Lissue, one of the things that annoyed you was
3 a statement made by the then Health Minister, Mr Poots.
4 You said that he said words to the effect that
5 individual stories of abuse were a figment of those
6 people's imagination.

7 Now the Department for whom Mr Poots worked at that
8 time, The Department of Health, Social Services & Public
9 Safety, they have given a statement to the Inquiry and
10 it is at 784. They contacted Mr Poots and he
11 emphatically said he made no such comment.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Indeed, when he spoke to the Assembly in 2011, he
14 expressly recognised the need to listen to people who
15 said they were abused, to acknowledge the pain and
16 suffering and to hold those who inflicted abuse to
17 account. He also spoke to the Assembly Committee and
18 made similar comments, and indeed spoke about his own
19 family and how important it was for him to ensure that
20 those people who had mental health difficulties were
21 properly cared for and looked after. I have been asked
22 by the Department's representatives to put that on the
23 record publicly.

24 Can I just ask you: where did you get this from?

25 A. It was in the media, ma'am, in the newspaper that ran

1 the article for several weeks. That's where I picked it
2 up from.

3 Q. That's where you picked that up from?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. And that made you cross?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But would you accept now, having been told by me, that
8 that was not what Mr Poots said and that that was not --

9 A. Would I accept what you have just said? Yes, I would
10 accept that.

11 Q. HIA220, one question that we ask everybody who comes to
12 speak to us is about what recommendations the Inquiry
13 should make to the government at the end of its work.
14 I know you received a questionnaire from us, which you
15 returned, but can I just ask you now what you think
16 those recommendations should be? I know we were
17 talking -- you were worried as to what might happen.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You said what your big fear was that whenever we
20 conclude our work and the Panel have written the report
21 and delivered it to the Assembly, that you feel it might
22 be buried and that no heed will be paid to it.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That's what you are concerned about.

25 A. Yes, ma'am, I did say that. What I am afraid of, and

1 I will say it again, I am afraid of Sir Anthony's report
2 when it's submitted to Stormont next year, that when
3 Sir Anthony hands the report over, it is put in file 13,
4 ie it is binned, and for the MLAs in Stormont, they are
5 just saving face for a paper chasing exercise. So they
6 are spending millions of pounds on an Inquiry that's not
7 going to go nowhere, because all the hard work from the
8 team here, it has been for nothing, because they are
9 just saying, "It's a PR exercise. We are doing this,
10 that and the other".

11 Q. Well --

12 A. That's what I am worried about.

13 Q. Well, assuming that doesn't happen, HIA220, is there
14 anything that you would like to see in the report in
15 terms of recognising what happened to children in
16 institutions?

17 A. I was going to say compensation there, but what I have
18 been through it wouldn't compensate me for it, but yes,
19 there's some sort of compensation has to be made to
20 children. It doesn't matter whether it is Lissue
21 Hospital or another institute. Those kids through no
22 fault of their own went into a place of safety and they
23 came out totally destroyed. As you know, ma'am, kids
24 have committed suicide, turned to drugs and everything.

25 For myself it's a daily struggle. It's a daily

1 struggle to keep -- I think about death all the time.
2 I will be honest with you. Me, my life, it's not worth
3 a damn. It doesn't -- I have no value of my own life
4 anymore, but I have to struggle on day in and day out
5 for my wife and my three beautiful daughters that she
6 gave me and it is a battle.

7 In one of the statements someone says, "You're
8 a survivor". I'm not a survivor. A survivor, you can
9 see the wounds, you can see the scars, but when you have
10 been abused, you don't see those scars or lesions,
11 because it's all here in the head, and it's something
12 I have -- till the day God calls me I have to live with
13 that.

14 My daughter asks me when I come in from work, "What
15 kind of day did you have, daddy?" "I had a brilliant
16 day", although I'm maybe lying to her, but I am trying
17 to protect four people in this, my wife and three
18 beautiful daughters. Me, I don't give a damn.

19 Q. Well, HIA220, thank you for that. There's nothing else
20 that I want to ask you unless you feel there's something
21 you haven't had the opportunity to say about your time
22 in Lissue either through how we have gone through your
23 statement or in your answers to me. Is there anything
24 more you want to say about your time in Lissue?

25 A. The only thing I would -- it's just back to the

1 statement of LS21. He's told lies and I tell you where
2 he's told lies. He fails to mention that he sat in my
3 parents' house in Ardoyne and spoke to my mother and
4 father, but yet he states in his statement if I had been
5 in the Lissue Hospital for more than a period of
6 thirteen weeks, he would have remembered me.

7 Q. Well, we definitely know, HIA220, that there were home
8 visits paid by staff from Lissue to families.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. I can't confirm from the records that the person who
11 visited your mother was LS21, although that's certainly
12 the name that she gave to police of the person who
13 visited. Isn't that right?

14 A. Yes, but also, ma'am, my mother confirmed to me and to
15 my wife --

16 Q. That that was who it was?

17 A. -- that's who visited her in their house in Ardoyne.

18 Q. I will certainly have the opportunity to ask him about
19 that.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. So thank you very much, HIA220. There's nothing more
22 that I want to ask you, but the Panel Members may have
23 some questions for you.

24 A. Thank you.

25

1 Questions from THE PANEL

2 CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask you one thing, HIA220? You left
3 Lissue in 1976.

4 A. Yes, Sir Anthony.

5 Q. That's the last time you were there. We know from the
6 records we have seen that over the next seven years or
7 so you saw Dr Manwell from time to time.

8 A. Yes, sir, I did.

9 Q. Certainly the record we have would suggest that you saw
10 her as late as 1983 --

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. -- when you would have been about 15.

13 A. Yes, that's right, Sir Anthony.

14 Q. Did you ever feel able to describe to and discuss with
15 Dr Manwell the things that you have told us happened to
16 you in Lissue?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. After you had left I mean.

19 A. No, Sir Anthony, because the simple reason was I was
20 ashamed. I was ashamed, and then there was the fear
21 factor there too, sir.

22 Q. Thank you very much.

23 A. Thank you, sir.

24 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, HIA220. Can I just check: in
25 relation to the two men LS26 and LS27 that you describe

1 abusing you --

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. -- do you remember them being around the unit at other
4 times? Do you remember them working there?

5 A. LS26 was there when I went into the unit, ma'am. As
6 I said in my statement, he -- I -- from my own age of
7 being 7, he was about 50 years of age, silver --
8 silver-greyish hair over in a side shade and one
9 distinctive smell was Brut aftershave, and I cannot --
10 that's a product that I can't now use. My mother bought
11 -- my mother bought me it for one Christmas and I threw
12 it in the bin -- not in front of her, of course;
13 I wouldn't hurt her like that -- but I threw it in the
14 bin because I couldn't use it.

15 Q. But you remember him working around the unit?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You had other engagement with him?

18 A. Yes. He worked night shifts, ma'am.

19 Q. So he was a night shift man?

20 A. Yes, and to LS27 that I mentioned, LS27 was a new person
21 on the unit. He wasn't there originally when I went
22 into the unit.

23 Q. Okay. Just a wee point of clarification. You are
24 saying that the dormitory door had no glass window in
25 it.

1 A. No, ma'am.

2 Q. But were there other doors along that corridor that had
3 the --

4 A. Where the dormitory I was, ma'am, directly facing the
5 side of the administration office --

6 Q. Uh-huh.

7 A. -- if you went out that door, on your right-hand side
8 there was the partition. That was where the glass panel
9 wire mesh was with the double lock on it. There was
10 a low handle and a high handle.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. That was the one with windows in it. Then, of course,
13 you had the day area with glass and all that there, but
14 going the opposite direction, which you were going down
15 into -- if you came out of my dormitory, turned left,
16 you had a double door in front of you. Through that
17 double door was the main dining area.

18 Q. Right.

19 A. Down to the right brought you past four dormitories that
20 LS21 had mentioned, but at the very end of that, ma'am,
21 was the bathroom, and then again in his statement he
22 says it was about 90 feet away from the fire escape.
23 That's where the other boy, LS30, put his foot through
24 the panel to get on to the fire escape --

25 Q. Fire escape.

1 A. -- and it brought you down into the courtyard. Now that
2 bathroom there, that's where the ice cubes and
3 everything, and if you double back on yourself, ma'am --

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 A. -- there was no glass panels in those --

6 Q. Doors.

7 A. -- rooms. Into the day area again, turn right from that
8 corridor, there was like you would call it a fire exit
9 door, ma'am.

10 Q. Uh-huh.

11 A. That brought you out into the play area where the hut,
12 sand pit, swings, seesaw was --

13 Q. Seesaw was.

14 A. -- and there was like a tunnel that came down from the
15 corridor or -- sorry -- from the classroom straight down
16 and it brought you back in. There was a square, a paved
17 area. I will tell you what was on it. It was
18 hopscotch. Me and LS14 -- I believe he is deceased now
19 -- God have mercy on him -- he ran down that -- me and
20 him every lunch time ran down it to see who was the
21 fastest runner. Now, as I say, after lunch you went
22 back into the classrooms.

23 Back to the lady's question. He doesn't recall
24 LS20, as I called her, but her name was LS20. I could
25 tell you how I remember it, " ", and that's

1 how -- that's what my nickname was for her, because her
2 surname was LS20, " ".

3 Q. Okay. Thanks very much. Your memory has been really
4 helpful. Thank you.

5 A. You're welcome.

6 MR LANE: No.

7 A. Thank you, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA220, you will be glad to hear I am sure
9 that those are the only questions we want to ask you.
10 Thank you very much for coming to speak to us today,
11 because we can see it hasn't been an altogether easy
12 experience for you at times.

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. But thank you again for coming.

15 A. Thank you, sir.

16 (Witness withdrew)

17 MS SMITH: Chairman, the next witness is to be taken by
18 Mr Aiken.

19 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will rise until we are ready to start
20 the next witness.

21 (11.40 am)

22 (Short break)

23 (12.35 am)

24 WITNESS HIA426 (called)

25 MS SMITH: Good afternoon, Chairman, Panel Members. Our

1 next witness today is HIA426, who is "HIA426". HIA426
2 wishes to take a religious oath and he also wishes to
3 maintain his anonymity.

4 WITNESS HIA426 (sworn)

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, HIA426. Please sit down.

6 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

7 MS SMITH: Now HIA426's statement is in the bundle at LIS037
8 to 041.

9 The Health & Social Care Board response is at LIS575
10 to 576.

11 Now, HIA426, your statement is on the screen in
12 front of you.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You will see that instead of giving your name we have
15 said "Witness Statement of HIA426", which is to protect
16 your anonymity.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can I just ask you to confirm that this is the statement
19 you have given to the Inquiry?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You, in fact, signed that on 13th February 2014?

22 A. Yes, that's right.

23 Q. This is the statement of evidence that you want us to
24 consider together with anything else that you tell us
25 here today?

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Paragraphs 1 and 2 set out your personal details. You
3 are now aged 56, and the name you now use is not the
4 name that you were known by as a child. Isn't that
5 correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You go on to describe how you suffered from chronic
8 asthma and ended up in hospital on a number of occasions
9 and then ultimately you ended up in Lissue Hospital.

10 Now you talk about comments that were made in the
11 hospital by a male nurse who looked after you when you
12 were there, saying things to you that you found strange
13 at the time, but there was -- in fact, there was nothing
14 happened in the hospital -- isn't that correct -- other
15 than these comments?

16 A. Yes. No. That was in the Belfast -- The Royal Victoria
17 Hospital --

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. -- In Belfast. There was a male nurse and on -- yes.

20 Q. You encountered this person in that hospital.

21 A. Yes, The Royal Victoria Hospital.

22 Q. You were then transferred to Lissue House in Lisburn.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You think you were there some time between 1978 -- the
25 late '60s anyway.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. You know from the conversation that we have had that we
3 have been unable to locate any records for admissions to
4 the Paediatric Unit --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- which is where you would have been and it's
7 thought -- believed that you would have been there as
8 a convalescent really because of your chest problems.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. When you were in Lissue, you encountered the same nurse
11 that you'd met in The Royal.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. It's true to say that staff -- because Lissue House was
14 a branch -- the Paediatric Unit was a branch of The
15 Children's Hospital in The Royal, that staff did
16 transfer between the two. So it is entirely possible
17 that you met this man again when you were in Lissue.

18 A. Yes. I only found that out recently.

19 Q. Now unfortunately you give a name for him and you
20 describe him at paragraph 4, if we can just scroll down.
21 You say you think that he singled you out, but you can't
22 be sure, but looking back, that's what you thought. You
23 say in paragraph 4 he often took you through an inner
24 courtyard area where there was a raised garden and
25 through a door into a corridor inside the hospital. It

1 was an area of the hospital which didn't appear to be
2 used often. You say he would pin you against the wall
3 in this corridor, not aggressively but tenderly, and
4 then he would come up very close against you. He would
5 keep talking and talking, but at the same time he would
6 be putting his hands down your trousers and masturbating
7 you. You think you were about ten at that time. You
8 remember trying to hide sometimes in bushes or in
9 a cupboard, but he would always find you. You knew at
10 the time it was wrong, but you didn't want to tell
11 anyone, because you didn't want to get anyone into
12 trouble and you were also afraid that no-one would
13 believe you and you yourself would get into trouble.

14 It wasn't something that happened daily, but it was
15 regular. You give a name, and I am going to use the
16 name, although I will just remind people that we don't
17 use names outside this chamber. You thought he was
18 called LS9.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Unfortunately the Health & Social Care Board have been
21 unable to locate a LS9 working in The Paediatric Unit,
22 as they no longer hold files for Paediatric Unit staff
23 and, as we were discussing, without a first name or
24 a date of birth it is really quite impossible to trace
25 who this man might have been.

1 I know that that information that I gave to you this
2 morning has been very disappointing for you, because you
3 were hoping that there would be confirmation that you
4 had identified the right person.

5 A. Yes. As I say, it's a name that's always been in my
6 head and, as I say, I did state that I did see him some
7 years later in Belfast and I instantly thought --

8 Q. That's who he was.

9 A. -- "Oh, that's LS9 from Lissue, from The Royal
10 Victoria". So that was the name that I certainly had.

11 Q. And although you would have been about ten, you thought
12 maybe he was thirty, but again it is hard to tell.

13 A. Yes, at that age.

14 Q. A child might think someone, you know, is older than
15 they were or whatever. You do remember that he had dark
16 hair and that he had something wrong with his eye, not
17 a squint, but something not quite right about it.

18 A. I thought it might have actually been a glass eye that
19 he had, but there was definitely something wrong with
20 one of his eyes. I'm not quite sure what it was.

21 Q. You don't remember how long you stayed there the first
22 time, but you remember it was over a summer. We were
23 talking about the fact there was a school or certainly
24 schooling offered to children in Lissue, and you don't
25 remember ever receiving any schooling while you were

1 there.

2 A. Nothing really apart from probably basic reading books
3 and stuff like that, nothing concrete --

4 Q. Certainly --

5 A. -- you know, 9.00 till 3.00 type of thing, no.

6 Q. Certainly if you were there over a summer, there
7 probably wasn't any schooling going on in the summer
8 time in any event.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. But as far as you remember you came back the next day
11 and he was still there and he started interfering with
12 you again.

13 A. The next year.

14 Q. The next year. Did I say ...?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Yes, the next year.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So you were in for a spell and then you left and came
19 back the following year.

20 A. Yes. I think I was sent probably in late spring until
21 the end of summer, and after the first year when I went
22 home and I was then -- I still continued treatment in
23 the major hospitals in Belfast, and then was being sent
24 there for the second time, and I remember thinking --
25 probably hoping that he wouldn't be on the staff, but he

1 was. So ...

2 Q. And he continued where he left off essentially?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You just -- and you do describe in paragraph 7 about how
5 you met him once years later, but you also describe the
6 daily regime. As you say, it was fairly normal. You
7 were certainly never subjected to any physical abuse
8 while you were there.

9 You do have a memory of one particular child, whom
10 you name in your statement, and you remember him being
11 there and just rocking back and forward.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You also remember some of the older boys who were --
14 they would bully another boy and you would get the
15 blame, because the boy they bullied would be too afraid
16 to tell on them.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You would get the blame instead.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You do remember getting served French toast for
21 breakfast. You had no complaints about the food. As
22 I was discussing with you, you don't remember getting
23 any education during the times you were there.

24 Your mother came and visited you, but you never told
25 her or anybody else what was happening. You didn't go

1 out on any day trips or anything like that.

2 You then left and returned to school, but, as you
3 say, you had been in hospital for a lot of your
4 childhood with your chest complaint.

5 A. Probably from the age of 3, 3 and a half until 11
6 I was -- spent most of my time being ill in hospital
7 from one period.

8 Q. You describe the effect that that had then on your
9 education.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You describe your life after care in paragraphs 15 to
12 21. We were having a discussion about this, HIA426.
13 I am not going to go into the details, but I think, if
14 I can summarise the discussion we had, first of all, you
15 were disappointed to know that LS9 could not be located,
16 because you had hoped that the confirmation that he was
17 the person you identify might help you to move on --

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. -- because although -- there were two spells of --
20 periods of what you describe abusive periods in your
21 life. Although they may have been of short duration
22 and, as you describe, may not have been as serious as
23 the abuse some others suffered in institutions,
24 nonetheless it has had a major effect on your adulthood
25 and how you have behaved and reacted to others. Would

1 that be a fair summary of the discussion that we had?

2 A. Yes, definitely.

3 Q. I was asking you then a question that we ask everyone,
4 which is about Inquiry recommendations. I know you have
5 responded to the questionnaire that we sent out about
6 that, but is there anything that you want to say today
7 about what recommendations you feel that the Inquiry
8 should be making when it reports at the end of its work?

9 A. Well, the statement -- the questionnaire that we were
10 sent I wrote at the bottom -- it was either "Yes" or
11 "No" basically, the answers to the questions. So, for
12 example, the first question I think, if I remember
13 rightly, mentioned, "Do you think compensation should be
14 given?" So I had to right "Yes", because as I also
15 stated later on, there should have been maybe "I don't
16 know" answer to some of the questions, because I can't
17 really judge anyone else. I don't know anyone else's
18 circumstances. So to say "No" whereas somebody -- as
19 I also stated, somebody might be, you know, a hopeless
20 drug abuser, alcoholic after their, you know --

21 Q. Experiences.

22 A. -- their experiences and, you know, it has ruined their
23 life, I didn't do that, although other things did affect
24 me, but certainly, you know, if it's come to this stage,
25 to have some sort of recognition that one's life has

1 been affected --

2 Q. Adversely affected.

3 A. -- you know. You know, to say my case isn't as bad as
4 someone else's or, you know, they are more worthy of
5 being heard, etc, but, you know, it affects everyone in
6 a different way. So everyone I suppose should be heard
7 and should be not treated -- it should be treated
8 equally rather than, you know -- they should be heard
9 and, you know, acknowledged.

10 Q. Well, HIA426, thank you for that. There's nothing more
11 that I want to ask you about your time in Lissue. Just
12 to be clear, when you were there, the Psychiatric Unit
13 would not have opened. You were there in the late '60s.
14 So I know you were in the building when our last witness
15 this morning spoke about his time in the Psychiatric
16 Unit and you had difficulty recognising the description
17 that he was giving of it, but you would not -- it hadn't
18 even been in existence when you were at Lissue.

19 A. Yes, that's what I was wondering. I thought, you know,
20 it sounded something totally different to --

21 Q. To what you remembered?

22 A. -- to what I remember, but I have since learnt that it
23 was a different institution in -- when I was a child.
24 It was more a convalescent home really.

25 Q. Well, is there anything more that you want to say about

1 Lissue or about the nurse or anything more that you want
2 to tell the Inquiry that you haven't already said either
3 in your statement or this morning -- this afternoon?

4 A. Not really. As I say, the only disappointing thing that
5 with records and stuff that they couldn't actually find
6 somebody, you know, that was actually working at The
7 Royal Victoria Hospital and also at Lissue later on. As
8 I say, when I was at The Royal Victoria having bed
9 baths, etc, you know, that's when he first took notice
10 of me. As I said in my statement, he would say, you
11 know, "Oh, lovely legs and very swarthy", as I said, you
12 know, because I was coming from an Italian family.
13 I don't know whether it was different. So I don't know
14 whether I was actually targeted. I don't know also
15 whether anyone else --

16 Q. Had any experiences with him.

17 A. Yes. You know, you just don't know. It's sad that it
18 can't be confirmed either way.

19 Q. Well, HIA426, thank you very much for that. The Panel
20 Members may have some questions that they want to ask
21 you.

22 Questions from THE PANEL

23 CHAIRMAN: HIA426, can I just ask you one thing?

24 I~appreciate it's a very long time ago and your memory
25 may not be very clear, but do you think on the two

1 occasions that you were in Lissue it was over the summer
2 period on each occasion or --

3 A. Always -- I think it was always during the summer
4 period, as far as I remember.

5 Q. What would normally be regarded as the summer school
6 holiday period?

7 A. Yes, probably -- I would say late spring until September
8 as far as I can remember, but yes, because I was always
9 sent to either The Royal Victoria or the Belfast City
10 Hospital and my recollections of that were always in the
11 winter, because then why would they not have sent me to
12 Lissue then?

13 Q. Yes. Thank you very much.

14 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, HIA426. I don't have any other
15 questions to ask.

16 MR LANE: You mentioned that the abuse took place in a part
17 of the hospital that wasn't used much. Could you just
18 say a bit more about that, because clearly there would
19 have been a degree of risk about it, wouldn't there?

20 A. Well, I thought so also. As I say, my only
21 recollection -- what seems clear in my head, but, of
22 course, it is a long time ago, not knowing a plan of the
23 hospital, but my recollection is that at some part there
24 was like an inner courtyard --

25 Q. Uh-huh.

1 A. -- like a quadrangle that had a garden part, like
2 a raised flower bed with trees and stuff, which was
3 quite -- the trees were quite -- not mature, but they
4 were big enough to be able to hide behind, and then
5 there would be steps that would take you down to the
6 normal level, if I can -- if I'm getting it correct, but
7 there was a door from this courtyard. When you opened
8 the door, then you were in a long corridor. It probably
9 wasn't as long. It seemed long to me as a child, but
10 that part of the building for some reason didn't seem to
11 be used. I don't know why, and that's where quite often
12 I would be taken to --

13 Q. Right.

14 A. -- in that, and it didn't -- I don't know. I don't know
15 whether the door was -- I can't remember now whether the
16 door was locked behind me. I don't recall that, but
17 I remember it was always -- it didn't seem to pose
18 a risk, because there didn't seem to be any worry that
19 someone -- and it was quite a long time. It wasn't just
20 in and out, you know. I was not -- I was there for, you
21 know, quite a long time.

22 Q. Would nobody have noticed your absence?

23 A. Obviously not. You know, whether it was during --
24 I assume it was during play times and things like that.
25 So you could be in the gardens or you could be in one of

1 the recreation rooms or something, but I was always
2 taken there.

3 Q. Were you aware of any sign that any other children were
4 abused?

5 A. No, not at all.

6 Q. And was there anybody that you could have spoken to to
7 complain at the time?

8 A. I suppose there was, but you don't, do you, you know, at
9 that sort of -- you know, someone who has been --
10 someone -- I am not saying someone is -- they are not
11 being nasty, you know. It wasn't a nasty abuse. It was
12 something that I -- as I said in my statement,
13 I remember thinking it wasn't right. He shouldn't be
14 doing that. So I was old enough to realise that, but at
15 the same time I do remember clearly saying, "If I tell
16 on him, he'll get into trouble. So, you know, it
17 will -- it might lead to something bigger than I ...",
18 you know, so I didn't, you know, and, you know, it was
19 quite a few times over the months.

20 So this part of the hospital, as I say -- I don't
21 know -- it was -- you know some rooms and corridors that
22 you go into where you open the door, then the light will
23 come on? It seemed more like that type of -- not
24 a place that was used constantly, so -- but it was
25 permanently lit. It was obvious -- it was quite dim,

1 very, very dimly lit, maybe just a -- maybe just
2 a security light on or something like that. So it was
3 always quite -- quite dimly lit.

4 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA426, those are the only questions we
6 have for you. Thank you very much for coming to speak
7 to us today, particularly since we appreciate you have
8 come quite some distance to do that. Thank you very
9 much for doing so.

10 A. Well, I needed to get a bit of rain on my head again.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

12 A. Thank you.

13 (Witness withdrew)

14 MS SMITH: Chairman, the next witness then will be after
15 lunch.

16 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Very well. Not before 2 o'clock, ladies
17 and gentlemen.

18 (1.00 pm)

19 (Short break)

20 (2.00 pm)

21 WITNESS HIA172 (called)

22 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

23 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good afternoon.

24 The next witness today is HIA172, who is "HIA172". He
25 gave evidence to the Inquiry on Day 158, which was 5th

1 November of 2015, and his evidence runs from pages 1 to
2 49 of the transcript. He affirmed on that occasion and
3 remains subject to that affirmation today. He elected
4 to preserve his anonymity and that remains the position.

5 He adopted his statement on that occasion and I am
6 just going to bring it up for completeness, because we
7 have different numbering on it now, in the present
8 bundle.

9 CHAIRMAN: Do we have an appearance today?

10 MR AIKEN: I am just going to -- yes, we have. As part of
11 the allegations HIA172 speaks about a lady called LS7 and
12 Mr Coyle will give his appearance on her behalf.

13 MR COYLE: Mr Chairman, Members of the Inquiry, my name is
14 Coyle. I am a barrister instructed by Richard Barber
15 for LS7, who I think has the Inquiry cipher "HIA" --
16 "LS7", if my memory is correct.

17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr Coyle.

18 MR COYLE: Obliged, sir.

19 MR AIKEN: On the screen, HIA172, is the first page of your
20 witness statement. We proved that on the last occasion.
21 The section that deals with Lissue runs from 007 through
22 to 020.

23 As with the last occasion, HIA172, if you bear with
24 me for a short while, I'll just give the key documents
25 to the Panel Members where they can find them in the

1 Inquiry bundle.

2 You first spoke to the police about some of the
3 matters that we are going to deal with today on 26th
4 October 1993 and that police statement can be found in
5 the bundle at 31220 to 31226, and it is at pages at
6 31220 to 31222 that relate to HIA172's time in Lissue.

7 Then the Panel are aware of two articles, one of
8 which is an interview HIA172 knows
9 , which is at 13710, and then it seems
10 that that article has been repeated by a different
11 entity that HIA172 didn't speak to in . That's at
12 13708.

13 Then, HIA172, you spoke to the police for a second
14 time on 11th March 2014.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. That was through an Achieving Best Evidence interview.
17 That is a substantial transcript. It runs from 31340 to
18 31533.

19 The Inquiry then has received a detailed response
20 statement from The Health & Social Care Board of 4th
21 April of 2016. That runs from LIS1208 to 1221, with
22 exhibits that run from 1222 to 1356. At the start of
23 the statement it makes reference to the previous
24 statement that was provided in the context of Rathgael.
25 That statement can be found for completeness in the

1 bundle at 1357 to 1360, with exhibits from 1361 to 1388.

2 The Panel will recall there were some key reports
3 that assisted with an understanding of the summary of
4 HIA172's journey through care available on the last
5 occasion and they remain available in the significant
6 records that are available to the Inquiry.

7 I was discussing with HIA172 this morning, Members
8 of the Panel, in addition the Inquiry has received
9 extensive records from HIA172's time in Lissue. Those
10 include -- I am not going to open them at this stage,
11 but the Panel are aware of the type of records that I am
12 referring to -- a combination of psychiatric reports
13 from the consultant psychiatrists who were involved in
14 HIA172's care regularly through his various periods in
15 Lissue. Many of these types of documents HIA172 already
16 himself had access to and considered.

17 There are case conference records of meetings
18 between the Lissue staff and then the Board social
19 workers who were in charge ultimately of HIA172 and his
20 placement.

21 There are social work reports on progress working
22 with HIA172's mum and brother as well as with HIA172 in
23 the home setting.

24 There are absconding records on occasions whenever
25 HIA172 was said to have run off from Lissue.

1 There then -- because Lissue Hospital had a school
2 as part of its provision, there are educational records,
3 reports, sometimes in handwriting, sometimes typed,
4 generally on a fortnightly basis of progress through the
5 school in Lissue when HIA172 was there.

6 Then in addition to the educational reports there
7 are behavioural reports from the school about how in
8 this case HIA172 was getting on in terms of behaviour
9 during the school day.

10 Then in addition -- and HIA172 was drawing this to
11 my attention; he had the opportunity to see it in the
12 past -- there is correspondence in the volume of
13 material, including a letter in this case from HIA172's
14 mum explaining the difficulties they were having with
15 HIA172 in -- we will see where that sits in the
16 sequence of HIA172's time in Lissue shortly -- and the
17 decision that his parents made to send him back to
18 Northern Ireland and to essentially little option else
19 but to re-enter Lissue.

20 Then another type of record that's available
21 indicates -- although HIA172 was saying to me he didn't
22 himself necessarily have a recollection of this -- that
23 post leaving Lissue in December '85 for the last time
24 there then are detailed family therapy records where
25 work is being done in the home again with HIA172 and his

1 mum and his brother.

2 In addition to those type of more perhaps social
3 work type records also available to the Inquiry are what
4 are more traditional hospital records, which also assist
5 with understanding the chronology of events. There are
6 The Royal Victoria Hospital child psychiatry physical
7 examination records. There are in-patient medical
8 notes. Essentially that is the term for the regular
9 history kept and updated by the treating doctors, so
10 handwritten records, and we will look at a couple of
11 those in the context of HIA172's evidence. There are
12 medical charts and prescription records that record the
13 type of medication that was given.

14 In addition, there are -- on each occasion that
15 HIA172 would have come back into Lissue -- and he made
16 the point to me this would be typical of any hospital --
17 there are nursing care plans or treatment plans. So
18 a discussion and a record of, "What are we going to do
19 to address matters over the coming weeks?" Those types
20 of records are to be found amongst the material.

21 In addition then there are what are described as
22 nursing care plans or summaries. They are essentially
23 a fortnightly record from the nursing staff or a senior
24 member of the nursing staff summarising under a number
25 of headings how the particular individual has got on in

1 the two weeks that have just passed.

2 Unfortunately -- and I was discussing this with
3 HIA172 this morning -- it is unfortunate both for him
4 and for those who face allegations that we don't have
5 what appear to have been collated which were daily
6 nursing logs. We know from witnesses other than HIA172
7 that they were created, and indeed a number of
8 witnesses, former members of staff, who have spoken to
9 the Inquiry have made reference to the fact they were
10 constantly recording information and HIA172 himself
11 remembers information constantly being written down.
12 They simply have not been found in relation to HIA172.
13 They would have perhaps contained contemporaneous
14 accounts of a number of the matters that HIA172 speaks
15 about in his police statements and in the Inquiry
16 statement and in fairness to everyone they would have
17 been very important to have.

18 I've spoken to Ms Smyth, who assures me that the
19 relevant Trust who would have charge of the records
20 relating to HIA172 have produced all the records that
21 they are in a position to provide. Whether that can be
22 taken any further to explore what might have happened to
23 these particular what are likely to have been voluminous
24 in nature, given the time period which HIA172 spent in
25 Lissie, we will have to see.

1 In addition, witnesses have referred to the
2 multi-disciplinary meetings that occurred each day
3 discussing where -- how the child had got on overnight,
4 what was going to be done in the next 24 hours, and
5 again if there were records of that type relating to
6 HIA172, those don't form part of the voluminous material
7 that is available.

8 So, in short, there is a significant amount of
9 material that assists with an understanding of what was
10 happening contemporaneously as far as those who made the
11 records are concerned, but there are not a complete set
12 of records, which is an unfortunate fact, as I stand
13 here today.

14 With that, HIA172, and thank you for bearing with
15 me, one other matter that I am going to try to condense
16 down is that ultimately you -- as you have explained,
17 you were in and out of Lissue on many occasions. During
18 the time that you were there for more significant
19 periods of time you would have gone out at the weekends
20 at times to stay at home. On other occasions your mum
21 would have come in to live in the facility that was
22 available for a parent to come and do that.

23 A.

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1 Q. The records I think suggest -- we need to check the
2 dates -- but there seems to be more than one
3 necessarily.

4 A. Oh, yes.

5 Q.

6 A.

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9 Q. It looks, HIA172, from -- as
10 I was discussing with you earlier, when I piece together
11 all of the records that are available, there seems to be
12 eleven stays in Lissue.

13 The initial one, when you were 7, was an initial
14 three-month spell in June 1980 through to
15 September 1980, and then between September 1980 and
16 22nd January 1981 there were five further day
17 admissions, and then on 22nd January 1981 -- you are 7
18 at that stage -- there was a period of six months spent
19 in Lissue.

20

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q.

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24 A.

25 Q.

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3 A.

4 Q.

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8 In June 1981 then you go home for fourteen months
9 essentially and then return to Lissie, aged 9, in
10 September 1982 and spend five months there through until
11 February 1983.

12 Now the reason that was given as far as is in the
13 papers is there was, according to your mum,
14 a significant deterioration in behaviour at home and
15 that's why the re-admission occurred. After that
16 five-month spell then you go home for another three
17 months. That takes us through to May 1983, when you
18 come back in, aged 9, for three days before your Care
19 Order was effectively discharged to facilitate you going
20 with your mum and dad to live in .

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. You live in for a sixteen-month period, and I am
23 not going -- as I said to you earlier, I am not going to
24 go into the detail of this, but various difficulties
25 arose in that led to the letter you were

1 referring me to, which I read in the papers, your mum
2 writing, explaining the difficulties and ultimately
3 determining that you should come back to Northern
4 Ireland, and the social workers meet you and essentially
5 you go back to live in Lissue.

6 It is that period when you come back from
7 that seems to feature most heavily in the incidents that
8 you recall and that are set out in the records that are
9 available, which is from the period 13th September 1984,
10 when you are 11, until 29th June 1985, when you are 12.
11 In that period, in particular May and June 1985, there
12 are records of the increased difficulty, escaping on to
13 the roof and the suicide watch that we talked about. We
14 will come to those particular events, the incident you
15 remember with getting the injection. Those are all
16 concentrated in that period of May-June 1985. You
17 yourself remember having got to the point of I think you
18 described it to me as not really caring anymore and just
19 wanting out.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. At the end of June 1985 you go off for a one-month
22 holiday to with your parents and then come back.

23 A. No, I didn't. I went over to my parents, not with my
24 parents. We were unaccompanied minors on a long haul.

25 Q. Yes. It was you went to for a month.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Then you come back on 29th July to Lissue in '85 and you
3 spend another five months there before leaving finally
4 in December 1985.

5 You were drawing my attention -- you could remember
6 Dr McAuley's ultimate report as you were leaving that he
7 was concerned about the long-term outlook --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- for you in that all of the work that he considered he
10 had engaged in to assist you hadn't necessarily led to
11 a positive prognosis.

12 A. He only administered it. He didn't actually -- he
13 delegated it. He didn't actually do it himself. It was
14 delegated to staff members on the unit. I think maybe
15 if he did it himself, it might have had some effect, but
16 ...

17 Q. Well, in fairness to him now there is --

18 A. Oh, I am not criticising. That's not a criticism. I am
19 just simply saying his ideas were fair enough and to
20 a certain extent, but they were kind of used more as
21 a tool of abuse rather than actual treatment I think in
22 my opinion, of course.

23 Q. I was drawing your attention to there is a record that
24 indicates he was going to be giving you one-to-one
25 sessions.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. That seems to be May 1985. Do you remember -- if you
3 don't remember, you don't remember.

4 A. I don't remember. I don't deny it happened.

5 Q. In fairness to him it seems he was having or certainly
6 to be having engagement directly with you as far as the
7 records are concerned.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. But having -- when you leave in December 1985, then you
10 remember you go home to live.

11

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. You don't necessarily have a recollection of the
14 therapy, of staff coming out and working with your
15 family.

16 A. I don't remember, no.

17 Q. Essentially the Panel has heard from you then in
18 relation to Rathgael, which comes slightly further down
19 the line in May 1986.

20 A. Sorry. I don't mean to contradict you there. Was there
21 not something in the documents that said that my mother
22 told Lissue that she was just -- as in she just wanted
23 to break away from it all? She didn't want to get
24 involved? Was there not something she had said in
25 regards to when we left -- when I left Lissue that, you

1 know, she didn't want to continue on with anything?

2 I thought I read that somewhere.

3 Q. I am not sure is the answer to that. I don't recall --

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. -- seeing that, but it may well be that's the case.

6 Whatever way it happens, you leave Lissue --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- in December 1985.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. , and you

11 don't have a recollection of the therapy in the house

12 ongoing that's in the papers. Is that a fair --

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. Then you initially then go to speak to the police in

15 1993 and then you speak to the police again in 2013,

16 twenty years later, when you talk about the same

17 incidents plus some further matters that I will draw

18 attention to, but as far as when you go to the police in

19 1993 the Panel have access to your statement of 26th

20 October 1993, and that runs, as I said, from 31220 to

21 31226 in the bundle.

22 At that time you were twenty years of age, and you

23 talk in the statement about members of staff at Lissue

24 and also about members of staff at Rathgael. As I said

25 to you, I tried to break down in 1993 you essentially

1 speak about seven incidents or areas of events or
2 treatment that you wanted to bring to the police's
3 attention. You remember seeing I think it was a female
4 Constable LS92 , who carried out that police
5 investigation.

6 The first incident that you spoke about -- and I am
7 going to try and keep this numbering when we come back
8 to it in 2013 -- was an incident -- if we look at 31220,
9 please -- where you describe being in the television
10 room and being dragged out by LS7, who is a lady that
11 you speak about.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. She had determined you were going to bed. You describe
14 here -- you say she dragged you down the corridor.
15 Another lady called LS6 -- and, of course, while we are
16 using the names, none of these names should be repeated
17 beyond the chamber or reported in the press -- LS6 came
18 out to assist her. You say that LS7 had grabbed you by
19 the hair and dragged you to the first dormitory. Was
20 that the -- I think it gets various names -- the
21 observation room, the romper room I think you talk about
22 it as?

23 A. No. It was the first dormitory in -- the doorway that
24 leads into the hallway that kind of --

25 Q. So it is on the ground floor?

1 A. It is on the ground floor. I mean, there's like
2 windows. So if you are in the dining area, the kind of
3 recreational dining area where the group therapies sort
4 of take place, there is like these double doors that
5 lead into a corridor. Down at the end of the corridor
6 is the bathrooms that we would use throughout the day.
7 Along this corridor I think there's maybe three or four
8 dormitories. I think there's just three of them. You
9 were always put in the first dormitory if it wasn't
10 occupied. That dormitory had windows quite high up that
11 looked out into the actual dining recreation area.
12 Often you would see kids standing on top of the
13 wardrobes naked in these mirrors or in these windows,
14 you know, just jumping up and down when you were having
15 your lunch. It was quite comical at the time, but yes.
16 That was usually the default sort of room that you were
17 put into.

18 Q. What you describe here is whenever you are taken into
19 the first dormitory you are stripped naked --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- and put into the first bed that's there --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- with the quilt put over you, and then LS 85 ,
24 another nurse, joins the two who are already there --

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- which is LS7 and LS6. Then you remember being
2 thumped through the quilt.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As I was explaining to you earlier, HIA172, the police
5 interviewed LS85 , LS6 and LS7 about these
6 matters.

7 LS85 was spoken to on 27th January -- if we
8 look at 31236, please -- and what she said to the police
9 was that she was not involved in an incident of this
10 kind and never saw any member of staff ill-treating or
11 assaulting you.

12 I am going to come back to her as a result of
13 conversations we were having earlier today, but the
14 position is, as the Health & Social Care Board has
15 pointed out, each of these members of staff, qualified
16 nurses, their code of conduct would have required them
17 not only not to engage in these events themselves, but
18 if they saw anyone being mistreated, to report it and
19 ensure those matters were brought to the attention.

20 What this lady is saying is that she wasn't involved
21 in this incident and doesn't recall ever seeing you
22 being hit by anybody.

23 Now LS6 -- the point you made to me earlier was,
24 "Well, she would say that, wouldn't she?" You made the
25 same point to me about LS6, who was spoken to. If we

1 look at 31241, please, she says that certainly as far as
2 she was concerned this incident that you are describing
3 never happened. She never grabbed or manhandled a child
4 in the manner that you are describing. She never
5 stripped a child naked, nor saw any other member of
6 staff do that, never held a quilt over a child, never
7 assaulted a child, would never act in that manner and
8 can't understand why you would be making those
9 allegations about her.

10 LS7 was also spoken to at the time. We will return
11 to these individuals, but at 31239 she said that the
12 allegations were untrue, that she had never dragged or
13 pulled anyone by the hair. She had never stripped
14 a child naked or held a quilt over the child's head and
15 never hit you or any other child.

16 So they were each saying, "We don't accept that this
17 event happened".

18 You return to it in 2013 and we will touch on it
19 briefly. It is not -- I was just checking. It is not
20 an incident that is in the Inquiry statement, but it was
21 the first thing you remembered when you were talking to
22 the police, that image of LS7 dragging you out of the
23 television room.

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. The second incident that you talk about in the police

1 statement, if we look at 31221, please, at the top of
2 the page, also involves LS7. That is the white
3 trousers.

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. You describe you had made the trousers out of your
6 bedsheet --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- and thread from the carpet.

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. She found them under your mattress you explain and made
11 you parade up and down wearing them --

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. -- and effectively when you talk about it in 2014 you
14 make the point it was humiliating as far as you were
15 concerned. You had to try to cover your private parts
16 because these manufactured trousers were falling apart.

17 You say in this statement that a student nurse
18 witnessed this and threatened to report the incident if
19 they didn't give you clothes. Now, as you know, we will
20 return to that, because in 2013 it is described -- 2014
21 it is described slightly differently.

22 But LS7, when she was spoken to by police, if we go
23 back to 31239, please, she says that this incident
24 involving white trousers and parading you did not
25 happen, but that there was an incident involving black

1 trousers. You were saying to me you have no
2 recollection of that at all. She says that you had
3 stolen the trousers from the linen cupboard and cut the
4 legs off to make shorts and the legs were uneven. She
5 told you that you couldn't wear them. She says her
6 concern was that you would be humiliated if you went out
7 in them and she wouldn't, therefore, let you go out in
8 them. She said she would never humiliate a child. Her
9 job was to do the opposite.

10 Now I am right in saying that even as we've
11 discussed it today, this potential cutting up of
12 trousers to create black shorts, you have no memory of
13 that at all?

14 A. No.

15 Q. No, and you were saying to me, "Is there no ..." -- you
16 were asking me, "Is there no record of me cutting up
17 a white sheet?" I was saying there is a record I could
18 find of you cutting up a shirt, but not a white sheet,
19 but I was saying to you if we had the nursing log --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- it's possible it might have been in there. I don't
22 have it, so I can't say.

23 A. Did you say that that shirt was something I had cut up
24 at home?

25 Q. It may be --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- it is something that's recorded because it's being
3 told to the staff --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- as opposed to something you do in Lissue.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. But I certainly can't find anything about a white sheet.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now the third incident that you talk about then to the
10 police in 1993, if we look at 31221 and at the bottom of
11 the page, please, you explain here how you -- I think
12 you climbed out your window or was out from your bedroom
13 and climbed in through the kitchen window.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You explain a nurse had caught you as you were getting
16 biscuits and was getting you to bed and everything was
17 okay.

18 A. Stealing biscuits.

19 Q. Well --

20 A. Well, if I stole a pair of trousers from the linen
21 cupboard, I must have stole the biscuits as well.

22 Q. Well, I try as best I can, as the Inquiry can see, to
23 use neutral phrases, which was why I am using "getting",
24 but "stealing". Whichever it is, you are taking the
25 biscuits from the kitchen. The nurse finds you. It

1 seems calm to you as far as you recollect it when you
2 are describing this in '93.

3 Then LS8, who from 1975 was -- I'll get the right
4 name for it -- but Staff Nurse, more of an
5 administrative role than working on the -- in the ward
6 with the children, you say that he dragged you along
7 three corridors --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- through the doors each time as you passed along the
10 corridors --

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. -- dragged you up two flights of stairs on your back and
13 threw you into the bedroom. Now we will look at this
14 again in 2013/'14, because you recall getting a bang on
15 the head. There isn't reference to that in 1993.
16 There's just reference to him doing this, but what there
17 is reference to, if we see at the very bottom of the
18 page, you say:

19 "My mother visited me the next day and took me out.
20 Staff weren't going to let me out because I had run
21 away. I remember standing in the corridor with my mum
22 telling her what LS8 had done to me. LS8 was standing
23 there denying it, saying I had done it to myself.
24 I called LS8 a bastard. Then my mum and I went out."

25 So what you are saying is when you're speaking to

1 the police in 1993 that you remember effectively
2 a confrontation taking place the following day involving
3 LS8 as you are telling your mum about what he had done.

4 A. I wouldn't say it was a confrontation. I think it was
5 just -- I think, if I can recall correctly, I actually
6 said, "That's what this bastard did to me" or something
7 in that ball-park and he kind of snubbed it and said,
8 "No, HIA172 did that to himself". If I had done it to
9 myself, I wouldn't have started levying allegations at
10 him about it, but he had actually done it.

11 Q. Well, we'll come back to it in the context of the police
12 interview in 2013, but LS8 was then spoken to by police
13 as part of this investigation in 1993.

14 A. Can I -- sorry. I don't mean to interrupt again --

15 Q. It's okay.

16 A. -- but my -- my head was substantially swollen. It was
17 obviously swollen, and if LS8 said I had -- I done that
18 to myself, then surely somebody would have made a record
19 of that there. Is there a record of them saying,
20 "HIA172 harmed his own head, and when the doctor
21 examined HIA172, he discovered a haematoma the size of
22 a golf ball on his head"? Is there a record of that
23 there, of a doctor examining me?

24 Q. There is no record that I can find, HIA172 --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- of you sustaining a head injury that was -- at all --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- never mind in the context of LS8 doing something to
4 you or being as part of some restraint exercise. In
5 fairness to LS8, who is deceased, there is not
6 a suggestion in 1993 that there was a head injury. We
7 will come back to the fact you do say that in 2013.

8 The Health & Social Care Board certainly have not
9 drawn to my attention any other record that --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- involves a head injury. But if we leave that, we
12 will come back to the head injury part as part of the
13 2013 review.

14 What he says, LS8, in January 1994, if we look at
15 31237, please, when he is spoken to by the police
16 officers, he explains that he became the Nursing Officer
17 -- I called it Staff Nurse, which is incorrect -- the
18 Nursing Officer in 1975. So he would have been in
19 charge of the Staff Nurses.

20 He says he remembers you, but does not remember any
21 incident similar to that which you've described. Now
22 you talk about two incidents involving him. We have
23 just looked at the first one at this stage. He says he
24 is shocked by the allegations and he never treated any
25 child in that fashion.

1 Essentially that's what he is also saying about the
2 next incident which I am going to look at, which is the
3 fourth matter that you raise with the police in 1993.
4 If we look at 31222, please, this is the incident
5 involving the injection, HIA172, where you describe
6 having -- yes. If we -- just at that point we can see:

7 "Another time I was misbehaving and I was put to
8 bed. I put my bed up against the door to keep the staff
9 out."

10 That's the section. So you explain here where you
11 had removed a window. You were explaining to me that it
12 wasn't a major task to deal with these types of windows.

13 A. They were perspex windows.

14 Q. You were encouraged, you explain, to move your bed that
15 had been used by you to block the door, block entry, and
16 that LS8 and another member of staff called LS 84
17 were the two staff who were involved in this along with
18 a nurse who had a Southern accent. You are not sure who
19 that was.

20 You describe as they come in, you were pinned down
21 after water had been thrown on you, pinned on the floor
22 and stripped naked. You were held down and given
23 an injection. You were put back into bed and you were
24 passed out.

25 We've looked at LS8's statement where he is

1 essentially saying, "Well, I wasn't involved in that and
2 wouldn't have treated someone in the way that you are
3 describing" and was shocked by the allegations.

4 LS 84 was spoken to. If we look at 31238,
5 please, she says that this incident that's said to
6 involve her never happened, that she never injected you
7 and would never have treated a child in the way that you
8 are describing, and never threw water round you or saw
9 it happen.

10 Now as far as LS 84 is concerned -- and I
11 will deal with her at this point, because this is really
12 the only matter that involves her -- the Health & Social
13 Care Board have confirmed she was born in 1948, worked
14 as a children's nurse for 22 years without any complaint
15 about her coming to the attention of her employer. The
16 Inquiry is not aware of any other complaint against her
17 whether to the Inquiry or in any other material that the
18 Inquiry has been able to gather.

19 As I mentioned to you, when we look at 2013, there
20 seems to be a conflation of potentially two incidents,
21 where LS 84 is outside on a chair, watching in,
22 but your recollection in 1993, when you were speaking to
23 the police, was that she was involved with LS8 in the
24 doing of this act that resulted in you getting the
25 injection.

1 A. Pretty much, yes.

2 Q. Yes. Now what may be this incident, as it appears to be
3 broadly similar to what you are describing, if we look
4 at 23001, please, we have -- these are the in-patient
5 medical records. So this is being written by a doctor.
6 If we scroll down a little bit more, we can see "6th May
7 '85". If we just scroll down a little more, we will see
8 it is signed by Dr McCune. Just pause there. If we can
9 go back up now so we can see the start of "6th May '85".
10 So you are three weeks short of your twelfth birthday.
11 It is towards the end of your stays in Lissue. The
12 in-patient medical record records that:

13 "Very restless and disruptive last night. Wrecked
14 his bedroom, broke glass, etc. Duty doctor ordered
15 security man to assist nurse to get him out of room and
16 eventually ordered 1M Valium 5 milligrams and he
17 settled. A bit more subdued this am but easily set
18 off -- cheeky to staff.

19 Says he is behaving like this because staff are
20 saying his parents don't look after him properly and
21 feels they are implying that they don't care about him.
22 Also annoyed that has had no visits from relatives."

23 is the reference to where the relatives are.
24 Now in this context at this time period there is in the
25 records references to steps being taken to encourage

1 your parents to be contacting Lissue more, to
2 communicate with you more than they were doing.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. As to what the context of the remark is that you're
5 recounting --

6 A. Well, I'm -- in what they're referring to, I'm referring
7 to when various members of staff would comment to me
8 about, you know, "Your parents don't give a damn about
9 you", how LS6 on a couple of occasions I recall
10 essentially at the very spot where I made the allegation
11 to LS8 about the assault that had taken place on me the
12 previous night, I remember standing in that same part of
13 the corridor as my mother was leaving Lissue after
14 visiting me there and I was crying and I was crying for
15 my mum to come back, and LS6, obviously being vexed at
16 having to listen to my crying, told me to shut up, "Your
17 mother doesn't care and she doesn't want you", and there
18 was members of staff that would frequently say things
19 like, "Your parents don't give a damn about you", you
20 know. These would all be the likes of LS7 and LS6, and
21 these were frequent psychological things that were said
22 to me that disturbed me greatly and probably did set me
23 off I think, you know.

24 This is -- this is probably one of the reasons why
25 at the end of my time in Lissue I did start to quite --

1 become quite disruptive. Someone might say it was
2 because of my age, but I think it was just simply
3 because I had just had enough and I just wanted away
4 from these people who obviously -- yes, there was
5 various members of staff that were kind and
6 compassionate, but there was ones that were not kind and
7 were not compassionate and were quite cruel and quite
8 sneaky in what they were doing and saying, and I think
9 that record there is a good example of the things that
10 were maybe being said to me at the time.

11 Q. You can equally appreciate, HIA172 -- you don't have to
12 agree with it --

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. -- that those individuals might well point to the
15 records where there's difficulty occurring with you
16 outside Lissue as well as inside Lissue and there's
17 a consistency of difficulty --

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. -- as opposed to it being generated by the staff, who
20 have --

21 A. No. I --

22 Q. -- in this context, for instance, replied to the police
23 saying, "No, we didn't do those things and we were", as
24 we know from later statements that are made in 2015,
25 "trying to look after people with the type of

1 difficulties that HIA172 had as best we possibly could
2 and we did not treat them like this".

3 A. No, I don't think it was like an institutional thing.
4 I think it was just certain members of staff did
5 those -- behaved in a way that I think anybody would
6 deem inappropriate.

7 Q. It looks like -- and I was asking you this earlier --
8 you know, LS8 has obviously -- he is deceased, as I said
9 to you. He responded to the police in 1994 that he was
10 not involved in the type of incident that you were
11 describing, and I was drawing your attention to the fact
12 that it looks like there's a duty doctor tasking the
13 security man to assist a nurse.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. Now obviously LS8 is still a nurse, despite being the
16 Nurse Officer, but it looks like the security man was
17 being sent into your room that evening, which ultimately
18 led to the application of the Valium.

19 A. So how did they get into my room if it was barricaded?

20 Q. The question I am more asking about, HIA172, is the
21 presence or otherwise of LS8, who is --

22 A. Right. Well, I recall him being there. I recall him
23 being there. He was there -- LS8 always turned up in
24 the evening times if there was an incident. If there
25 was something happening where one of the patients was

1 causing a problem, LS8 would have been there, and he was
2 there on those occasions that I mentioned that I recall.
3 There may have been a security man there, but I do
4 recall LS8 being there. Whether he had to sign in and
5 sign out whenever he did turn up I don't know. I just
6 know that he was there that night.

7 Q. And the injection record, if we can look at 22828,
8 please, we will see how this application was recorded.
9 So you can see the reference to -- I think it is
10 initially entered in the wrong position and then
11 repeated in the "Once Only Injections" section, but once
12 only application.

13 The Health & Social Care Board have pointed out to
14 the -- pointed out to me in looking at the material that
15 although the records show -- and I am going to try and
16 summarise this neutrally -- a suggestion of very
17 challenging behaviour on many occasions across the time
18 you spent in Lissue, this was the only occasion when
19 an injection of this type was administered.

20 I was discussing this with you earlier. You don't
21 have any memory of any other occasion when you were
22 given an injection of Valium or something that would
23 bring an end to the matter there and then.

24 A. No.

25 Q. I think the point that might be made out of that is this

1 is a more extreme event than that appears to be taking
2 place that night where the doctor has decided that you
3 should be given the injection.

4 There are three more general matters that you speak
5 to the police about in 1993, if we go back, please, to
6 31221, and I am just going to touch on these at this
7 stage. In about the middle of the page you talk about
8 being left in your room for long periods of time.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. We can see it there:

11 "If I misbehaved, I would be left in my room for
12 long periods of time, all day in some cases."

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now I was discussing with you that what the material
15 seems to show and what the nursing staff seem to have
16 said to the Inquiry to date is that the time out would
17 have worked in the way the time out was supposed to
18 work.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You were saying to me, "Well, maybe they utilised it
21 longer than the rules said they should".

22 A. That's why I was complaining about it.

23 Q. I was also discussing with you people's perception of
24 time over time --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- is obviously an issue as well, but what is in the
2 material is that when we get to this point in May-June
3 1985 --

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. -- steps are taken through a card system of reward and
6 privilege and then subsequently a suicide card system
7 that would see you receiving effectively one-to-one
8 supervision and -- whatever the right term for it is --
9 being separated from the rest of the group for prolonged
10 periods of time. So there would be some group time and
11 it would work well according to the records for a short
12 time before deteriorating, but you would spend a lot of
13 time isolated, as it were, one-to-one with a staff
14 member.

15 Now you were saying to me you don't remember that
16 process essentially at this remove.

17 A. I think I can remember on occasions being put in my room
18 and a member of staff sitting outside or in the doorway
19 itself in a chair communicating with other nurses that
20 were passing or would sit with them, but whenever -- the
21 way you quote it in the document it sounds like I am
22 getting some sort of one-to-one personal treatment --
23 "Let's go to the park and play, HIA172" -- when that
24 wasn't the case.

25 I was essentially being punished, but I was being

1 punished where I was on observations -- "obs" I suppose
2 would be the term used -- where I am in bed and you are
3 staying there. I am on time out, full time out. It
4 wasn't one-to-one. That sounds like, you know, they are
5 giving me special support, you know, where I can freely
6 move, but I will have a member of staff there with me
7 supporting me along the way to make sure I don't get
8 into any mischief when it was no, no, no. So you are
9 left in your room and a member of staff sitting by the
10 door to make sure you do nothing.

11 Q. You know I was discussing with you earlier that may well
12 be exactly what they say they were doing and your
13 perception of it is different from theirs.

14 A. Well, I'm thinking about other people's perception of it
15 and I just want to clarify that.

16 Q. This is -- obviously the Panel will be able to ask
17 Dr McAuley, but it seems that as part of the way of
18 managing the escalation of behaviour one-to-one tasking
19 was engaged in --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- and separation from the rest of the group.

22 A. Isolation, time out. It's the same thing.

23 Q. The two other matters that you talk about in the same
24 section of the statement, you mention -- and I am going
25 to deal with this very briefly -- sitting on the toilet

1 and being made sit on the toilet for hours even if you
2 didn't need to.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I was discussing with you that, having gone through the
5 material, there clearly was a medical issue --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- when you first --

8 A. I had regularly soiled myself whenever I was -- this was
9 maybe during my early period in Lissue.

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. And I remember being left to sit on the toilet and there
12 was no staff about. It was just, "You stay there" and
13 they came back later, and if I had moved from the
14 toilet, I would have been punished.

15 Q. Well, what I am saying to you, HIA172, is the records
16 show that a behavioural treatment plan to assist with
17 toileting --

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. -- that seemed to be a problem before you came into
20 Lissue --

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. -- was engaged in, and in fairness to the staff in
23 Lissue you would agree it ultimately was effective.

24 A. Yes. I wouldn't -- I wouldn't contradict the
25 effectiveness of it. What I am saying is that the

1 method used was in my opinion -- and maybe it is only
2 just my opinion -- was a wee bit excessive whereas you
3 really need to be there to understand the environment
4 that I was in and what I was experiencing in a cold --
5 in a cold bathroom, left there by myself, not knowing
6 when the staff are going to come back, and knowing that
7 if I didn't go to the toilet, I was going to be
8 chastised for that, and not being able to go to the
9 toilet, and then being concerned about that and worried
10 about that. Then when staff did come back,
11 a considerable time had passed.

12 Now whether a child's perception of time is
13 different to an adult's, it still affected me. It
14 affected me so much that back in 1993 I complained about
15 it and there we are in 2014/2013 I am still complaining
16 about it and my feelings haven't changed.

17 Q. According to the records your mum was actually brought
18 in to view the treatment plan so that she could utilise
19 it in your time at home so that the improvement could be
20 sustained and it seems that's what ultimately took
21 place.

22 The seventh issue that comes out of the 1993
23 statement is about food. You talk about you were left
24 the food until you ate it. When we come to 2013/'14
25 with the police, you talk about a specific bowl of peas

1 --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- that you were made have in your room and eat. You
4 describe how you --

5 A. Well, I was being punished because I didn't eat
6 something that I disliked. I was put on time out with
7 a bowl of peas and told that I wasn't going to leave the
8 room or I wouldn't be leaving the room until I ate those
9 peas that were cold even at that time. I mean,
10 I'm sorry. I am being punished because I wouldn't eat
11 something that I didn't like? Why? Why am I being
12 punished?

13 Q. Well, there's no point in asking me that question,
14 HIA172.

15 A. Sorry. I mean -- yes, yes. Of course, they deny this
16 ever happened, I mean, you know.

17 Q. Yes, they do, and you are aware of that.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. To conclude the 1993 investigation, the investigating
20 officer submitted a report in March of '94 concluding
21 there was no evidence to corroborate any of the
22 allegations, all of which were denied, and recommending
23 no prosecution. Her Inspector agreed with her, and in
24 April of 1994, if we look, please, at 31205, we can see
25 that the DPP indicated:

1 "Given the total absence of any independent evidence
2 to corroborate the complaints which have been alleged,
3 the evidence is quite insufficient to establish any
4 criminal offence was committed."

5 No prosecution was directed. So I think -- how that
6 may or may not have been communicated with you at the
7 time, it's subsequently said nothing really seemed to
8 come of it. That's what happened. The file was
9 completed, sent to the DPP. The DPP considered it, and
10 having determined their view about what should be done,
11 wrote back to the police, bringing the matter to an end
12 in that way.

13 Then in 2014, on 11th March of 2014, you give the
14 ABE interview to the police, which runs from 31340 to
15 31533. I think there's a second copy earlier in the
16 bundle, which might have been the copy that LS7's legal
17 representatives have in terms of the sections relevant
18 to her, but you were forty at the time of this
19 interview. So it's twenty years on from the 1993 one.

20 When you returned to the second incident about the
21 white trousers in the ABE transcript, you said in
22 addition to what you'd said in 1993 that, in fact, LS7
23 had punished you for making the trousers in addition to
24 parading you --

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- by not letting you go to school.

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. You also describe if we can look at --

4 A. I know you referred earlier to sometimes the school
5 couldn't accept me in class because of my behaviour. So
6 whenever I say the school punished -- or whenever I say
7 LS7 punished me, I am referring to the fact that
8 I didn't actually go to school. Now maybe at that time
9 I could have been on restriction to be kept on the ward
10 regardless of whether I had the white trousers or not,
11 but by not being allowed to go down to school, that was
12 a form of punishment that would frequently happen, but
13 I can't recall if I was being punished. All I know is
14 that not being allowed to go down to school was being --
15 was part of being punished. So I presumed from my
16 recollection of it that, yes, I was being punished as
17 well.

18 LS7 made it her mission to punish me as frequently
19 as she could. I could not step out of line or make any
20 sort of mistake whenever she was around or I would be
21 put in my room, or I would be standing with my nose in
22 the corner, or there would be something, something,
23 anything. Anything would set her off, and I would face
24 the consequences because of it, and I wasn't the only
25 one. There was lots of other kids, you know, and most

1 of them probably haven't come forward because most of
2 them don't want to go through this, don't want to read
3 and hear about how they are denying what they did to
4 kids.

5 I mean, I can understand. I can understand if they
6 felt now how I felt. If I knew I would feel like this
7 here before this Inquiry started, I probably would have
8 had second thoughts. You know, the fact that, you know,
9 I don't feel any sort of gratification because I don't
10 see any sort of ending to this here or anything coming
11 out of this here where people go, you know, "That's
12 terrible what happened to you and we are sorry". It's
13 just everybody is just denying, "Well, there is no
14 evidence here". I can't provide evidence that these
15 things happened. I can only tell you what I remember
16 happening and I can tell you how I feel about it and how
17 I feel about it today.

18 Q. Equally, HIA172, you can understand that people who you
19 make allegations against --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- are entitled to have an opportunity to say what they
22 want to say --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- and if they don't accept something, they don't accept
25 something --

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. -- and that's the position. Obviously what you are
3 describing is you regard it as punishment --

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. -- that you didn't go to school.

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. You appreciate that perhaps those running the hospital
8 don't regard decisions made about where you should go or
9 not go or whether you should be on the ward or not on
10 the ward as punishing you --

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. -- but that's how you perceived it.

13 A. Well, I remember lots of times being in the central --
14 I described this to you later -- the central lounge
15 sitting with school work to do in front of
16 the television by the window, and it was actually CEEFAX
17 or Teletext that was playing, you know. It always
18 played music. I actually found it quite soothing.
19 I was actually able to study a lot better just with that
20 background music. I remember that happening quite
21 frequently, but I remember it happening on that
22 particular day wearing those trousers.

23 Q. And there are educational reports which talk about you
24 being -- having to be excluded from the school and
25 school work being sent for you to do and that seems to

1 be exactly what you're describing.

2 But in respect of this incident with the white
3 trousers you talk further about this heated argument
4 that occurred with a student nurse.

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. If we look at 31406, please, you indicate to the police
7 that you can recollect her saying -- you overheard this
8 from outside; she was outside in the hall with others --
9 that, "'This was a disgrace'" --

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. -- "'and I'm going to report this'. I can remember
12 those words, you know."

13 So this is -- we were having a discussion about this
14 earlier -- this is what you said to the police in 2014.

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Now it doesn't appear that student nurse did do what she
17 told you she was going to do, which, of course, she
18 would have been duty bound to do --

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. -- given the way you describe her reacting, or at least
21 if she did do it, it hasn't been brought to the
22 Inquiry's attention, but that's your recollection of
23 what occurred outside your room?

24 A. The lounge. It wasn't my room. It was the central
25 lounge.

1 Q. So you recall that you were in the central lounge --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- and you recall this conversation?

4 A. Yes. There was -- there was a lounge at the very end of
5 the corridor by the doors that led out into if you take
6 a left, it's the kitchens and if you keep going forward,
7 you come out into I think it's the stairwell that led
8 down. It's a big massive stairwell. If you know manor
9 houses, they have these big fancy stairwells. It was
10 just a door that led out into the kind of foyer of the
11 stairwell into the paediatric or disabled children's
12 section of the hospital. The lounge before those doors
13 is kind of like the main lounge where everybody went and
14 then there was the exit, the door, where there was
15 stairs that went down, and you could actually look
16 through a glass wall down on to the stairs, and then
17 there was a lounge that had a fish tank and a television
18 in the corner and windows, and then the next room down,
19 of course, was the dining area and recreation area.

20 Q. So it is outside the lounge. It was the corridor where
21 this --

22 A. Well, that's where I -- I was put into that room and
23 I had been there most of the day, and it was actually
24 whenever I went and opened the door to make a request or
25 something and the student nurse had witnessed the fact

1 that these trousers that I had made had come apart and
2 I was kind of holding them, covering myself, and then
3 I went back in and sat down, and I can remember her
4 talking. I think -- I suspect that the staff room or --
5 you know, the staff room is adjacent to that lounge, you
6 know.

7 Q. Now you return to LS7 more generally in the ABE
8 interview. I am just going to summarise this. You say
9 that she was the worst, that she was an ogre.

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. That she assaulted you on thousands of occasions.

12 A. Well, quite frequent occasions, yes.

13 Q. I was discussing that with you earlier, because
14 basically what you are saying is she was assaulting you
15 all the time.

16 A. Her physical manner in dealing with me was quite
17 aggressive.

18 Q. And she -- she was the one you said to the police in
19 2014 put you into your room for not eating mushy peas --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- until you did eat them.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. In addition to assaulting you -- how did she -- when you
24 say she assaulted you thousands of times -- leave aside
25 the number --

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. -- what did she physically do to you?

3 A. She would have grabbed me by the hair, grabbed me by the
4 ears or dragged me down the corridor by my arm,
5 generally being quite physical and rough.

6 Q. Would anybody have seen her doing this?

7 A. Probably, yes.

8 Q. One other matter that you remembered wasn't done to you
9 but to somebody else and that was you could remember
10 what you describe as jamming a Jif Lemon into a young
11 girl's mouth.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. As I said to you, she explained in her statement to the
14 Inquiry that what you are seeing as a child is her
15 following what Dr McAuley asked her to do to help
16 a particular girl with a particular medical problem.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Ultimately she explains to the Inquiry in her
19 statement -- I will not bring this up, but the Panel
20 have it at 1396, paragraph 9 -- that ultimately that
21 attempt at dealing with her condition it didn't work
22 using the sour taste of lemon.

23 A. Yes. I had seen LS 73 . Sorry. She had done
24 it, because I was asked -- I think the police had asked
25 me, "Did any other staff members do it?" and I said,

1 "Yes, whoever was supposed to do it did it". When
2 LS 73 did it, she simply just took the child's -- stood
3 behind the child and held it and squirted the Jif Lemon
4 into the child's mouth. Of course the child spat it out
5 again and that was fair enough. It was kind of horrible
6 to see that there, but whenever LS7 did it, she did it
7 so viciously it was in and the lemon juice was pumped so
8 hard into her mouth it came out of the child's nose and
9 the child was in serious distress. The face was bright
10 red with distress whereas when LS 73 had done it, it
11 wasn't -- it was uncomfortable and the child was crying
12 about it, but they were not that distressed. You know,
13 I can -- you know, it is one of the strongest images
14 that I have of my time there. You know, it still kind
15 of shocks me. Just the aggression behind what she'd
16 done was -- you know, I can't really draw a picture, you
17 know, of the difference between LS 73 approach and
18 LS7's approach. You know, it's two completely different
19 things.

20 Q. I am not sure I found in the police material the
21 reference to a contrast, but you remember the contrast
22 --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- between her and how LS 73 dealt with it?

25 The police did interview LS7 again after your ABE

1 interview in 2014 on 9th June of 2015. She made the
2 same points that I have covered already. So I am not
3 going to make them again. She did say you were someone
4 who was always getting into trouble for stealing and
5 taking things from other children. In fairness to LS7
6 there are lots of records making that point not in LS7's
7 hand but in the hand of various other nurses.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. The point you have made back to me in respect of most of
10 these type of issues is, "Well, I was a child. That's
11 what children do".

12 A. Yes. Both my kids do exactly the same thing and most of
13 my friends claim that their kids do exactly the same
14 thing. I don't think it's really as bad as it sounds on
15 paper. The record that I kept of my kids over a period
16 of a week in order to assess what I was reading in the
17 records that Lissue had created about me, how would my
18 own children reflect if I kept a record, a meticulous
19 record of their behaviour, and yes, there was maybe some
20 occasions where maybe I was a little bit more naughtier
21 than my own kids, but I just seemed to be consistent
22 with the way most children misbehave and, you know,
23 argue and fight, and, you know, my kids are cheeky to me
24 at times and I don't feel the need to be heavy handed
25 with them.

1 Q. As I was explaining to you, the Health & Social Care
2 Board might well point to quite a number of the more
3 serious incidents that might get well beyond
4 the category of what you are describing of normal
5 behaviour from children, breaking windows, climbing on
6 to roofs and throwing slates down and so on. Those are
7 perhaps beyond the type of thing you are talking about.

8 A. Yes, but I think you're talking about one incident where
9 I broke a window and claimed on to a roof and then threw
10 slates down. I broke a window to get out. I climbed on
11 to the roof to get somewhere safe and I threw slates
12 down out of idleness and boredom.

13 Q. There are a number of incidents on the roof.

14 A. I think I climbed up on to the roof quite a few times,
15 yes.

16 Q. LS7, when she is being spoken to --

17 A. But I wasn't the only person that claimed up on to the
18 roof. There was plenty of kids that did that, you know.

19 Q. It seems for some reason to have stuck in staff's mind,
20 as I was explaining to you earlier, that it was you who
21 climbed on to the roof, but your recollection is there
22 were other people who did this as well.

23 A. Oh, yes, yes.

24 Q. She -- LS7, if we look at 31537, please, in her
25 interview she explained that she would have -- if

1 someone -- if a child was out of control -- we can see
2 in the hand:

3 "Never did I lay a finger on him. He made an
4 accusation with me before."

5 That's a reference back to 1993.

6 "We put them on the ground and held their arms with
7 legs strayed -- splayed because he was completely out of
8 control and that is what we were taught."

9 She says you would have been pinned down on
10 occasions, but you were not thumped. I think that's in
11 response to the suggestion of her thumping you on
12 thousands of occasions.

13 She goes on to say she never saw a child naked in
14 the way that you are describing, ie being stripped naked
15 and made essentially have to be naked. She explains
16 that there was -- as other witnesses said to the
17 Inquiry, one of the practices in the hospital was you
18 could be made get into your pyjamas like being on
19 a hospital ward, but not naked.

20 I was just checking with you, HIA 172 about two
21 things that she mentions on the same page here, which
22 are of assistance for other matters the Inquiry is
23 looking at. You agree with her that there were no
24 padded cells in Lissue?

25 A. I don't remember there being any padded cells.

1 Q. And the practice was not locking bedroom doors?

2 A. I don't remember anybody locking doors except for the
3 external doors that led outside.

4 Q. Yes, but the actual bedroom doors, you weren't being
5 locked in your bedroom?

6 A. I don't -- no.

7 Q. She said -- she was asked whether she had seen anybody
8 being physically or sexually abused in Lissue and she
9 said she hadn't. In fairness to her she does say -- she
10 is asked, "Well, was there any member of staff you were
11 ever concerned about?" I am not going to name the
12 individual now, but the Panel are aware of who it is.
13 She says she was concerned about one member of staff to
14 do with missing medication and money. She brought that
15 to the attention of senior staff, but her recollection
16 was that kids were treated well. If they got out of
17 control, they got their nose put in the corner for
18 three minutes, which is the time out procedure in
19 effect.

20 A. Does it take three minutes for the sun to go down,
21 because I remember being put in my room for a long
22 period of time and the sun actually going down. That
23 would take more than three minutes. I remember going in
24 the day time and coming out at night-time, sitting there
25 for maybe a couple of hours. I don't think -- I think

1 if you were to compel every child that went to Lissue
2 for behavioural problems and ask them, "How long were
3 you in time out for?", I think they would clarify that
4 it was a bit longer than three minutes.

5 Q. She makes the point, HIA172, as I was discussing with
6 you earlier, that she has and still receives and has
7 collated and has given to the Inquiry a significant
8 amount of communication that she got from former staff
9 or former residents as she is retiring thanking her for
10 their care. I was saying to you that although that's
11 the perception they have, yours is different of her.

12 A. Stockholm Syndrome maybe, you know.

13 Q. The police at the time they were investigating the
14 allegations that you made went and spoke to a number of
15 other members of staff. They spoke to LS 87
16 or LS 87. In fact, she can be found on a number of the
17 two-week nurse summaries, but her statement, if we look,
18 please, at 31553, and just in summary she explains that
19 she started to work as a Staff Nurse in 1984. She
20 described the training to hold children if they got too
21 far out of control for time out. She said of LS7 on
22 31554 that she found her to be firm but fair, someone
23 who was -- she was obviously older than LS 87
24 -- but someone who was very thoughtful of the children's
25 needs and ensured every child had the same and instilled

1 that in all the staff. Do you remember that approach
2 from LS7?

3 A. No.

4 Q. No. She remembered you as well. If we scroll down
5 a little further, as I was saying to you earlier, she
6 remembered you and said your classic move was climbing
7 on to the roof and you had to be talked down. So that's
8 how she recalled you. She said there would have been a
9 lot of incidents involving you, but nothing that she
10 thought wasn't right or dealt with safely.

11 As I said to you, HIA172, the police went on and
12 spoke to a whole series of other former members of
13 staff. None of them, like LS 87 , are not the subject
14 of any allegations by the police or in their work or
15 before the Inquiry. One described LS7 as an older
16 member of staff and something of a matriarch, but never
17 saw her abuse anybody in Lissue. Another said older
18 staff would have been stricter generally than younger
19 staff in their approach. Another described it as a
20 generally happy place and there would have been limited
21 restraint, but only when it was necessary. Another,
22 LS3, who I think was the principal of the school, and
23 you mention her warmly in your ABE interview, said the
24 same thing. Dr McAuley, when he was spoken to, recalled
25 LS7 as being a fairly fundamentalist person who was

1 tough minded, but he was not aware of any abuse or
2 assaults at Lissue.

3 The Health & Social Care Board confirmed to the
4 Inquiry that LS7 was born in 1928, qualified as a nurse
5 in the '40s, worked as a Staff Nurse in child and
6 adolescent psychiatric care for nineteen years from 1975
7 before retiring. In her personnel files it was
8 confirmed she was never the subject of a complaint to
9 her employer or the subject of any disciplinary
10 proceedings. The Inquiry is, however, looking at three
11 complaints made against her to the Inquiry and in your
12 case your complaint was also made to the police.
13 Whether that is the case for either of the other two
14 I am not sure.

15 She has in addition provided a replying statement to
16 the Inquiry of 4th April 2016. That runs from 1389 to
17 1398. It is pages 1394 to 1397 that deal with your
18 allegations.

19 One of the points that she picked up, HIA172 --
20 essentially she makes the same denials that are detailed
21 in the two previous interviews that we have looked at.
22 One of the points that she picked up was a reference in
23 the ABE interview that seemed to be suggesting she wore
24 a nurse's uniform. You were saying you have never said
25 that. When we looked at what's in the ABE interview,

1 what you are describing isn't or shouldn't be seen as
2 a reference to a nurse's uniform. You were talking
3 about a particular style of -- older style of dress that
4 her and perhaps another lady wore.

5 A. Yes. LS5 and her kind of dressed the same.

6 Q. Yes, but everybody wore their own clothes, as it were.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. You are not suggesting otherwise.

9 A. No.

10 Q. You are agreeing with that.

11 A. I think the only staff in Lissue that wore maybe nursing
12 uniforms were in the paediatric side where the disabled
13 children were. I could be wrong, but I think --

14 Q. Yes, but you -- certainly not in the Psychiatric --

15 A. Not in the Psychiatric Unit.

16 Q. Chairman, I am just noticing. Perhaps if we took a
17 short break.

18 CHAIRMAN: I think this would be a convenient moment if we
19 rose for, say, ten minutes or so.

20 (3.20 pm)

21 (Short break)

22 (3.30 pm)

23 MR AIKEN: HIA172, just before the break we had completed
24 hopefully LS7.

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. I was going to deal with the other two ladies involved
2 in the quilt incident. LS6 is the first of those and
3 LS 85 is the other. When you talked about LS6 in
4 2014 beyond that which we have looked at, which was her
5 involvement in the quilt incident, and we talked about
6 what you said in '93, you indicated that she had also
7 grabbed you by the ear and also thumped you once or
8 twice.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Then you also described her as having done a lot of
11 psychological stuff. You have give examples of what she
12 said. If we look at 31499, please, and we scroll down a
13 little bit, please, we will find -- and I think you have
14 mentioned it actually already when we were talking about
15 the quilt incident from '93:

16 "... LS6 coming up to me and telling me to shut up.
17 'You know, your mother doesn't want you. Okay? She
18 doesn't love you. So just forget about her', you know,
19 words to that effect."

20 You said those were quite powerful.

21 A. Yes. I think we spoke about it earlier.

22 Q. You regarded her as pretty cruel.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That's going beyond what was said in 1993, but what The
25 Health & Social Care Board have said is that she was

1 born in 1929 and worked as a mental health nursing
2 assistant for some seventeen years and was never the
3 subject of any complaint to her employer or any
4 disciplinary action. The Inquiry is only aware of you
5 making a complaint of her mistreating anyone. I think
6 one other individual gives evidence about her witnessing
7 something, but as to her doing anything on anyone, yours
8 is the only complaint about her.

9 Unfortunately her position -- her medical position
10 is such that it has not been possible for her to engage
11 with the Inquiry. She is well into her late 80s
12 possibly.

13 In respect of LS 85 , The Health & Social Care
14 Board have confirmed about her. What I am going to do,
15 HIA172, is just park that for a moment because of
16 an issue that arose when we spoke earlier today. I will
17 come back to what the HSCB say about her. Ms Dougan is
18 going to give me a small Post-it if I can't -- we will
19 come back to her shortly.

20 When you returned in your 2014 interview to the
21 third incident that we talked about in the '93 context,
22 that's LS8 and the dragging you to your room from the
23 kitchen, where he's dragged you along corridors and up
24 stairs, you describe in 2014 him bursting in and
25 grabbing you by the hair and dragging you out, and the

1 whole way by the hair he's pulled you along, and you say
2 to the police that you think your head bounced off the
3 window sill whenever he threw you on to the bed. You
4 say:

5 "He physically lifted me ..."

6 If we look at 31449, please, I'll show you the
7 passage that I've found that covers this. If we just
8 scroll down a little bit, it is on the screen now:

9 "... he threw me -- physically lifted me and threw
10 me on to the bed and I bounced off the bed and hit the
11 window sill right on the window. Really that's as much
12 as I can remember, you know."

13 There is an earlier passage where you say you think
14 that's what happened but here you are saying firmly that
15 is what you remember occurring.

16 A. Well, the bedrooms -- the bedroom -- there was --
17 I think there was two bedrooms out of all the bedrooms
18 in the single rooms that were up the stairs past -- past
19 the three dormitories there's bathrooms and a shower --
20 there's toilets and then there's a shower room and
21 there's sinks. Then up the stairs is the dispensation
22 room where they dispense medication. It is the first
23 room on the left. There's the linen cupboard, which is
24 just to your right as you go up to the stairs. As you
25 arrive at the top of the stairs, it is just at your

1 right. You have to go down the corridor just a little
2 bit, but there is a first bedroom there. That was the
3 one where I had smashed the window to try and get out
4 where Bridget had ended up sitting on the fire escape
5 area in a chair to stop me exiting. The next room was
6 the romper room, as you claimed it to be, with the --

7 Q. It is not me claiming it to be. You describe in the
8 police interview a romper room, which was the --

9 A. Right. Okay, but that's what you'd --

10 Q. -- the supervision room.

11 A. Yes, it was the supervision room. It had an observation
12 -- observation room I suppose would be the best --

13 Q. Yes?

14 A. -- name for it. Both these rooms, the window sills were
15 actually quite low down. They were actually nearly down
16 to the floor. They were maybe like a couple of inches
17 off the floor whereas all the other bedrooms the window
18 sills were more at waist height, you know, in an adult
19 I mean. So whenever I was thrown into the -- back into
20 the romper room, I bounced off the bed and landed in the
21 window sill.

22 Q. You explain further -- it is further on. The way these
23 interviews work they come back and forward to the
24 issues, but if we go to 31363, you talk about -- by
25 reason of the bump on your head that you talked again

1 about having told your mother in front of LS8 --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- the next day about this. If we just scroll down.

4 Scroll up. Sorry. My apologies. Scroll up just till

5 we get the end of the last ... Yes. So you are

6 describing here the exchange of telling. If we just

7 scroll up just a little bit further, you talk about:

8 "... remember quite bruised all over and my mum was

9 like, 'Well, what happened to you?' and I remember

10 distinctly telling my mum and pointing straight at LS8's

11 face and saying, 'This bastard' -- and using the word

12 'bastard' -- 'you know, did this to me' and him saying,

13 'He did that to himself' --

14 Q. Uh-huh.

15 A. -- without batting an eyelid."

16 Then if we just scroll down, please:

17 "My mum says she can't remember it all, but I don't

18 think my mum's really forthcoming."

19 So there is two things there. Your mum is saying --

20 you are telling the police that your mum was telling you

21 she has no recollection.

22 A. She says she has no recollection. I think she is just

23 being (inaudible).

24 Q. You then go on to say why you think she has no

25 recollection, but that's your assumption about her. She

1 is not saying that's the --

2 A. I just feel that she doesn't want to be involved.

3 Q. Yes, but that's your assumption about it.

4 A. Yes. It's just my --

5 Q. I was asking you to confirm for me she hasn't told you
6 that. She has just told you, "I don't remember that".

7 A. That's correct, yes.

8 Q. But what you are saying is this particular incident is
9 one where there would have been physical evidence of it
10 having occurred --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- because you had the bump on your head and you're
13 describing being bruised in the earlier section that
14 we've just looked at. Now I cannot find in the records,
15 albeit, as I said to you, there is nursing logs that
16 I don't have --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- but one might have -- and I think The Health & Social
19 Care Board agree -- if someone got injured, that would
20 have been on an incident form. So there should have
21 been an incident form potentially as well as what's in
22 the nursing log, and obviously some sort of
23 investigation into this, but there's nothing in the
24 records about it.

25 Now the police ask you in the interview, "Well, why

1 did you not complain about any of these incidents?"
2 beyond the one that we're looking at here, which is
3 you're saying you told your mum. She's saying -- you
4 are telling the police that she is telling you, "I don't
5 remember that".

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. You said to the police that the reason you didn't do
8 that was because it was your normal, that this was --

9 A. It had become normal. It had become -- I think maybe
10 after I told my mum about what had happened with LS8,
11 because it was quite violent, I think really from that
12 point onward I just didn't see any point in mentioning
13 anything like it again.

14 I more than likely mentioned the fact that maybe my
15 first experiences of Lissue was -- I probably talked to
16 my mum about being put on time out and it was a really,
17 really long time, but my mum probably just interpreted
18 it as, "Yes, maybe you were probably put in your room
19 for fifteen or twenty minutes and it just seemed like
20 a long time", but it wasn't. It was for days on end
21 sometimes in pyjamas or naked or whatever.

22 Q. I was saying to you that in fairness to the individuals
23 who face the allegations that if we look at 22997, this
24 is an instance. It is from October 1984, so it is quite
25 late in terms of through your time in Lissue, where you

1 are telling the doctor about something that has happened
2 to you at the hands of your father.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. Obviously you are aware of what mistreatment is --

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. -- because you explain here that you were reluctant to
7 tell the doctor in case there was some consequence --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- in case you would not -- you know, you wouldn't be
10 allowed to see your parents or something of that ilk,
11 but there are two things happening. One is you
12 obviously know what mistreatment is. So it's not your
13 normal in the sense of --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- you're telling him about something he did to you --

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. -- and --

18 A. Well, I didn't volunteer that information. My mum
19 communicated that information to the staff in Lissue and
20 then they decided to investigate it by having the doctor
21 question me about it. I didn't go to them and say, "Oh,
22 daddy hit me". They came to me.

23 Q. Now I have read the communications that are in the file
24 --

25 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- from your mum and there doesn't seem to be
2 a reference to that. What's recorded here is that you
3 asked a question would the social workers take you away
4 from them and the doctor replied it would depend. So
5 the doctor is suggesting in the note that it is
6 initiated by you, but in any event however it happens --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- you are telling the doctor about some mistreatment
9 that has occurred.

10 A. Yes. My father had smacked me --

11 Q. And --

12 A. -- quite viciously, in fact.

13 Q. And you felt able to tell the doctor about that?

14 A. When the doctor asked about it, I probably did.

15 Q. Well, why did you not feel able to ever tell Dr McAuley
16 or Dr McCune of the many assaults that were taking place
17 at the hands of their staff?

18 A. Why would they ask me about something like that? I told
19 the police the minute -- well, not the minute I left
20 care. It took my auntie to encourage me, because
21 I didn't want to initially. I wasn't that keen on it.
22 Whenever I left care, I just kind of thought, "Well, you
23 know what? Maybe I deserved it". Then it was telling
24 my story to various people throughout my life, the
25 things that had happened to me in care, and it was those

1 people who stood shocked and asked, "What, this really
2 happened to you?" They were the ones who encouraged me
3 to come forward in '93 and tell the police what had
4 happened.

5 Whenever I came forward and told the police, as we
6 discussed earlier, LS92 seemed a little bit
7 exhausted having to listen to me for the period of time
8 that she did, and that reflects the record that she took
9 of what I -- of my statement as in there's a lot of
10 details I do recall telling her that are not actually in
11 that statement. I think back then the attitude towards
12 the treatment of children was very different, and even
13 I began to accept even at that young age that the stuff
14 that was happening to me in Lissue was just tough. You
15 just had to accept it. When I got to Rathgael, it was
16 worse, you know, and when I left care, I was just glad
17 to be away from the place, away from those people.

18 Whenever I got to an age where I knew that they could
19 never take me back, that I would never go back there,
20 then was able to relax and start talking to people about
21 stuff that had happened to me, tell my auntie about
22 stuff that had happened to me, and here we are today.

23 Q. When you returned in the 2014 interview to the fourth
24 incident, which also involves LS8 as far as you're
25 concerned and the injection --

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. -- you said LS 84 was potentially sitting beneath
3 your window outside, although --

4 A. I think -- I think there's two incidents --

5 Q. There is a bit of conflation that might have occurred.

6 A. -- that are very close to each other and, you know, the
7 time when the nursing staff sat outside the bedroom,
8 outside in -- on the outside the building -- it was like
9 a fire escape stairwell that was built, a metal
10 corrugated stairwell, and the door which I had mentioned
11 when I pointed to LS8 and called him a bastard, and the
12 same door I looked at as my mother was walking down to
13 leave Lissue to leave me in there after visiting me,
14 that door that opens out, they sat down there. That was
15 whenever I was in the first bedroom beside the linen
16 cupboard. That's whenever I was in that room.

17 The windows in there were glass and I had funnelled
18 a sheet through the window and underneath the window and
19 then smashed the window to catch the glass and then
20 pulled the glass in through with the sheet so the glass
21 wouldn't smash on the ground. Then the staff, of
22 course, got wind of it and then sat outside the rest of
23 the night there.

24 Another incident was, of course, whenever I had
25 removed -- from what I can recall where I had actually

1 removed the plastic perspex glass from the window in the
2 romper room and actually escaped. That's whenever
3 I went into the kitchen. I had run around the grounds
4 and went into the kitchen. LS8 came and dragged me back
5 to my room and threw me on the bed.

6 Then there was another incident where I had
7 barricaded the door. I had not tried to get out. I had
8 just barricaded the door. Then the staff had encouraged
9 me to unbarricade the door, just get into bed and settle
10 down, which I eventually inevitably decided to do. As
11 I pushed the bed away, they burst in through the door,
12 threw water round me, for what reason I don't know, and
13 pinned me to the floor and injected me. Whenever I was
14 kind of cooperating by letting them into the room, why
15 was there the need for that, you know?

16 Q. Well, we looked at that. The duty doctor seems to have
17 considered the need for it that particular evening, but
18 however it has come about, whether there is some
19 conflation between two incidents, you can certainly
20 remember one occasion when LS 84 was sitting
21 outside the room.

22 A. Yes. That would have been when I was in the first
23 bedroom.

24 Q. You describe the incident with the injection in your
25 police interview. You talk about when you woke up --

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. -- there was a member of staff sitting in a chair.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So --

5 A. That was like that one-to-one thing that we were talking
6 about earlier.

7 Q. You made the point to the police that someone suggested
8 to you at some subsequent time that perhaps the Lego toy
9 that was waiting for you to play with was to buy your
10 silence.

11 A. There was a box of Lego by the bed whenever I woke up
12 and there was biscuits and snacks and stuff sitting
13 there. I don't understand why, because I wouldn't
14 normally be treated that way. So it kind of had me
15 thinking, "Why are they being this nice?"

16 Most of the toys, as I was talking about earlier,
17 not to yourself, but the toys were -- most of the time
18 the toys were locked away in cupboards. There was --
19 whenever I first went to Lissue, there was three groups,
20 the red group, the yellow group and then the blue group.
21 Additionally when more and more patients arrived, they
22 opened up a green group. There was these corrugated
23 metal stationery cupboards that had all the toys kept
24 in. They were locked away. They were only brought out
25 for different group activities. Whatever group you were

1 allocated that you were in, you were only allowed to
2 play with the toys in that cupboard, you know. So when
3 you were in a room, when you were in the dining
4 recreation area and the groups were on and they had
5 their toys out, if you were a kid and you seen a toy
6 over there that you wanted to play with, which is
7 normal, you weren't allowed to, and this caused a lot of
8 confrontation and, you know, conflictions with kids'
9 sort of freedom of movement and, you know, just living
10 life and being happy. Play time was kind of rationed to
11 kids.

12 Whenever I think about the rationality of the
13 behaviour of this institution, I just think this is
14 barbaric. I mean, am I the only person looking at this
15 going, "Yes, kids who have difficulty controlling their
16 behaviour, the best way to treat them is to deny them
17 everything and make them earn it all back"? That's not
18 going to teach them anything. That's going to teach
19 them misery and that's how I felt when I was there. By
20 the end of my time in Lissue all I wanted to do was kill
21 myself, according to them. I mean, what must I have
22 been going through to want to kill myself at the age of
23 11? If they were so caring and so supportive and bent
24 over backwards to do everything they could for me, why
25 did I want to end all at the age of 11? That shocks me.

1 I don't remember making any statement to nurses and
2 staff members that I wanted to kill myself. I don't
3 recall doing that. I recall being miserable, but
4 I don't recall threatening to take my own life, but it
5 disturbs me now even to hear that.

6 Q. HIA172 --

7 A. Sorry.

8 Q. --- I don't think the record says that's what you said.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. I said to you that the member of staff was sufficiently
11 concerned with your behaviour going up on to the roof,
12 throwing tiles down, jumping on to a tree. You jumped
13 off a drainpipe and hurt your ankle. That's why you
14 were placed on what's called the suicide card.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I don't think it is you say, "I am going to kill
17 myself".

18 A. Right. Well, I mean, you said something to me earlier
19 where I had said life was not worth living or something.
20 You were quoting.

21 Q. They were checking that you were not expressing that
22 view.

23 A. Well, why would I be on a suicide card if I wasn't
24 suicidal?

25 Q. Well, because you jumped off a roof. That is why.

1 Now you explain in the fourth interview as far as
2 the fourth incident was concerned that you were calm and
3 -- always calm and you weren't a danger to anyone and
4 you weren't a danger to yourself. I think there you are
5 talking less about the more serious incidents, but more
6 general interaction.

7 A. I think whenever I originally arrived in Lissue,
8 I wasn't as disturbed as I was before I left. I think
9 whenever I originally arrived in Lissue, yes, I was
10 hyperactive and I wanted to keep on moving, but I wasn't
11 expressing myself in the destructive manner in which
12 I appear to be before I left Lissue.

13 Q. As far as LS8 is concerned, he is deceased, but the
14 Health & Social Care Board have explained that he was
15 born in 1935. He had 35 years of nursing experience.
16 While in Lissue in 1975 he was promoted to Nursing
17 Officer, which, as he explained to the police in 1994,
18 meant he had little involvement with the actual
19 individual care of children. He retired in 1994, having
20 been an Assistant Director of Nursing Services in
21 Forster Green and later Nurse Manager in the Infectious
22 Diseases and Children's Directorate. His personnel
23 files indicate that he was never the subject of any
24 complaint to his employer, disciplinary proceedings
25 during his nursing career, and the only allegation that

1 has been made against him is by you. No-one else has
2 complained about him.

3 A. No.

4 Q. So in fairness to him I bring that information to the
5 Panel's attention.

6 I was discussing with you earlier in fairness to LS8
7 he put you on suicide caution. If we look at 23003,
8 please.

9 A. I explained to you earlier that by putting me on that he
10 was essentially putting me in isolation. So it meant
11 that I was kept in a room by myself consistently all day
12 every day, but I feel that the way you express it is
13 it's like it's some sort of compassionate thing, a thing
14 of concern -- we had this discussion earlier -- when it
15 wasn't.

16 Q. I told you before what I think is irrelevant.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. What I am establishing are the facts that are available
19 from the papers.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. We can see that on 24th May 1985, if we just scroll
22 down, please, we can see the incident described:

23 "Started to act out this am again after other
24 children got presents from relatives. HIA172 got a card
25 from . Seemed upset about their

1 [something]. Ran downstairs on way to school. Smashed
2 a children's telephone and ran to tree, which climbed.
3 I went to speak to him for ten minutes about his plans
4 for his birthday party. He appeared to be quite
5 rational and calm and left saying I would -- I wanted
6 him to come in to school. Then walked away ignoring
7 him, as advised. He subsequently left the tree and got
8 on the roof of the building, breaking tiles on the roof.
9 Eventually from -- eventually came down from his own
10 accord and brought in by staff. Taken to observation
11 and put in pyjamas. Proceeded to throw chair around
12 room. Restrained by nursing staff, at which he broke
13 down in tears saying, 'Why can't I control my temper?'

14 On that same day you can see then:

15 "Staff put on one-to-one, but he managed to escape
16 through a window. Broke into washroom and took clothes
17 and disappeared. Police informed. Contacted by
18 booking call from international operator, but no reply."

19 Then:

20 "Put on caution card again, constant one-to-one
21 supervision."

22 A caution card I think is slightly different from
23 the other. In fact, that might be the caution, suicide
24 caution. Then you are brought back the following day by
25 your relatives. I think that matches up with you saying

1 to the police you ran off to --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- and then you came back, but in fairness to LS8 on the
4 same day as that incident is happening, 24th May, if we
5 look at 22831, please, he is writing to the Director of
6 Nursing Services saying that you have absconded:

7 "... after a morning of intermittent disturbed
8 behaviour. He was aggressive to personnel and property.

9 Nursing staff following medical instructions of low
10 profile surveillance, this being the recommended
11 treatment for HIA172 over the past few weeks when he
12 manifested very similar behaviour. After this morning's
13 events medical staff have decided to place him on
14 suicide caution card, ie constant observation when he
15 returns from this abscondment. Immediately prior to
16 this medical action I instructed nursing staff, Child
17 Psychiatry Unit, that until further notice from myself
18 or my deputy that nursing staff keep him under constant
19 observation irrespective of whether medical staff
20 recommended this or not.

21 I take this course of action because I would be
22 anxious of the child bringing harm to himself, other
23 people or serious damage to property. I will review the
24 situation when I return from study leave in two weeks'
25 time."

1 Then just to show the Panel the type of document
2 that we are talking about, if we look at 22835, please,
3 this is the type of card that has to then be shown to
4 every nurse who's coming on duty to make sure that
5 proper supervision is taking place. You just take that
6 down now, please.

7 So in fairness to him he seemed to be expressing the
8 view -- your view on it now, because you were saying to
9 me earlier you didn't remember this sequence of events,
10 was you regard that as you being punished and it being
11 an easy way out for the staff to deal with you.

12 A. Yes. The time that you are actually referring to where
13 I was hanging on the drainpipe and I had fallen off the
14 drainpipe and bust my ankle pretty bad, it was actually
15 whenever he had actually chased me out of the first
16 lounge and I had jumped through the window and scaled
17 the walls and was trying to climb down the front of the
18 building and I had slipped and fallen and twisted --
19 badly twisted or hurt my ankle.

20 Q. That was 14th May of 1985. There are some references to
21 the falling off of the drainpipe, but I want to ask you
22 about another issue that we were discussing earlier.

23 In the ABE interview, if you like, we dealt with the
24 seven incidents that are disclosed in 1993 and what
25 further material relating to them comes out of the ABE

1 interview in 2014, but there are then three further
2 matters or four further matters that come out of the ABE
3 interview that weren't in the 1993 interaction.

4 The first one relates to at the time when you talked
5 to the police a lady called LS 86 as it is recorded in
6 the transcript.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And you were making it clear to the police, if we just
9 look at 31346, please, that you didn't want there to be
10 any confusion between -- if we just scroll down
11 a little, please, you can remember an incident in the
12 hallway.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. You were then saying:

15 "I am quite concerned. LS86 I think her name was
16 and one of the things I am quite concerned about
17 whenever I have spoken to the police in the past was
18 there's two members of staff there was LS 73 and LS 86
19 and you can understand the familiar names. Now LS 73
20 was a soft, gentle, kind woman who'd never hurt you."

21 Then you go on to contrast that with LS 86. What
22 you say of LS 86 is that she thumped you on numerous
23 occasions and during the incident in the hallway she
24 hurt herself and consequently thumped you in response to
25 that.

1 A. Uh-huh. Well, that's normally what would happen.
2 Whenever the staff had restrained you and you were kind
3 of resisting as, well, you did when you were -- well,
4 I did anyway, that sometimes you were pushing and
5 kicking, the kick connected with one of the nurses, and
6 depending on what nurse it was that had happened to,
7 well, they would give it straight back to you and that's
8 the way it worked. Not all the nurses did that there,
9 but --

10 Q. No-one was able to identify -- the police we can see
11 from the papers made a considerable effort to identify
12 LS 86.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. They asked various other members of staff if they could
15 identify as part of the work they were doing generally
16 with those other members of staff. What you have said
17 to me today, and in fairness you brought this to my
18 attention right away when we first started speaking
19 earlier this morning, HIA172, is that the reference to
20 LS 86 is a mistake --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and that you are, in fact, referring to LS 85 .

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You appreciate you have given the reference to LS 73
25 being similar to LS 86 and so on, but --

1 A. I was concerned that LS 73 would -- I wasn't sure if
2 I had actually said LS 73 and implicated her in
3 something that she hadn't done, and that's why whenever
4 the case was handed over to other police officers to
5 investigate and they had contacted me to say that they
6 are taking over the case and I expressed my concerns
7 that I may have misused LS 73 name about an incident
8 that had happened when it was actually LS 85 It wasn't
9 because of the similarity of the name. Of course they
10 are not very similar at all.

11 Q. No.

12 A. It was just simply --

13 Q. I was making that point to you earlier. Obviously it is
14 a very serious thing.

15 A. No, they are not similar at all. It's just -- I don't
16 know why.

17 Q. It is certainly very important --

18 A. I can't explain. I have no explanation as to why
19 I reverted to that name in relation to that incident,
20 but I do know the incident and I do know who was
21 responsible for it.

22 Q. I am pretty sure that the Inquiry statement doesn't
23 refer to LS 85 . I am not sure whether it refers
24 to an LS 86. I think it might refer to an LS 86 We
25 will just check. Ms Dougan will check that for me, but

1 it is very important. Because this has only happened
2 today --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- obviously the Inquiry has not taken steps to contact
5 LS 85 .

6 A. Maybe I should have made an additional effort to assert
7 things with the police.

8 Q. No, no, that's not what I am explaining. What I am
9 putting on the transcript is that we will now in
10 fairness to LS 85 --

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. -- give her the opp... -- try and contact her and give
13 her the opportunity to be aware that this portion --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- of what you have said to the police relates to her --

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. -- and what does she want to say about that as a matter
18 of fairness to her --

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. -- because up until now no-one will have known that it
21 was going to be said of this lady that she thumped you
22 on numerous occasions and in a particular incident was
23 involved in hurting herself and thumping you in
24 response.

25 Now what I can say of LS 85 , which I was going

1 to do earlier before this issue arose, is that the HSCB
2 have confirmed she was born in 1949, commenced working
3 in Lissue in 1977. She has continued in that line of
4 work, child and adolescent psychiatric work, up to 2013
5 when she retired after thirty-six years of service.
6 According to her file there is no record of any
7 complaint or disciplinary action against her and the
8 Inquiry is not aware of anyone else making a complaint
9 that they were mistreated by her at any stage.

10 What you are saying is it is not just one occasion.
11 She was involved not as often as LS7 --

12 A. No.

13 Q. -- but on a regular basis of thumping you.

14 A. Well, in the way I described it earlier about whenever
15 you were being restrained, that would be an example
16 of -- well, just the example that's given here where
17 I was being restrained and LS85 had got hurt and her
18 instant response was to retaliate, and maybe part of me
19 thinks, "Yes. That's kind of okay. I hurt you. You
20 hurt me", but yes, it wasn't all sweet and nice.

21 Q. Okay. Well, we'll endeavour to give her an opportunity
22 to be aware that that's what you're saying and to
23 respond to it.

24 In the police interview in 2014 you mention another
25 lady, who wasn't mentioned in 1993.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. That was an older member of staff called LS5.

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. I am not in a position to indicate her personal details
5 at the moment, but you explain in the police interview
6 that she would grab you by the ear --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- and take you to your room --

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. -- and that she was essentially -- I appreciate this is
11 colourful language for her -- the evil twin of LS7.

12 A. Pretty much. I think LS7 was her Padawan learner.
13 I mean, they were just so alike in the way they
14 administered their treatment.

15 Q. I think in fairness to her -- we will do a little bit
16 more work about it -- I am right in saying --

17 A. She was quite an elderly woman at the time. So I'm sure
18 she's not here today.

19 Q. -- that there is no other complaint about her that the
20 Inquiry is aware of at any stage during her working
21 career.

22 The tenth incident that comes out in the combination
23 in the 2014 interview, you talk about being thumped by
24 a student nurse . Now
25 that would have been back in 1981.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. You would have been seven at the time. Your mum was
3 present --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- when that occurred.

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. If we look at 31386, please:

8 "Q. Is that everything you can remember?

9 A. Well, I think

10 my mum was in staying in the
11 maisonette at the main part of the building.

12 . I think when my
13 mum was there, I probably was a lot more confident to
14 act up, maybe a bit cocky, but when I talked to my mum
15 about it asking her did she remember it, she said 'No,
16 no. That was a student nurse that done that'.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And I reported her and, you now --

19 Q. Tell me what you remember about that."

20 I am not sure it gets terribly -- that much clearer
21 in the interview. What can you remember about this?
22 Was this something that happened in front of your mum --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q.

25 A.

1 Q. What did the student nurse do? Can you remember?

2 A. I don't really remember. I remember talking to my mum
3 about -- about LS 85 thumping me when I was being
4 restrained and my mum says, "No, it wasn't LS 85 that
5 thumped you. It was a student nurse that thumped you",
6 and I said to my mum, "Well, that must have been another
7 incident, because I can remember the mean look on her
8 face when she thumped me, you know, and it wasn't
9 a student nurse I remember". You would have to talk to
10 my mum about that, but, I mean, she said that she did
11 remember an incident that took place with a student
12 nurse thumping me. So at least she remembers something
13 at least, you know.

14 Q. And the eleventh matter that comes out in the
15 combination which is you and it's in the 2014 ABE
16 interview is an allegation in relation to ice-cream --

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. -- which you were told -- I am going to bring this
19 together -- was pistachio, but tasted like cigarette
20 ash. It was gritty at the bottom. I was saying it
21 sounds like some of the ice-cream I had at school, but
22 you were saying to me you wondered whether it was laced
23 based on a discussion --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- subsequently with someone who said that what you were

1 describing sounded like the effects of LSD.

2 A. Yes. It was just on numerous occasions when I was on
3 time out, I just found myself kind of spacing out in the
4 bedroom and watching the patterns of the curtains
5 melting into each other, and it was only later on in
6 life that somebody had said to me, "That sounds like the
7 effects of LSD. Are you sure you weren't, like, being
8 spiked?", and I says, "Well, I don't remember feeling
9 any kind of emotionally different", which apparently you
10 would do if you were on LSD. I just think when you're
11 that isolated and your brain is that starved of -- you
12 know, if it's not occupied, then your mind does tend to
13 play tricks on itself.

14 Q. Yes. Well, I think I can safely put to you on behalf of
15 the HSCB they don't accept that they laced children's
16 food with LSD.

17 A. Yes. I am not saying that they did. I am saying that
18 that's some of the effects that I had whenever I was
19 isolated in the room for those long periods of time.

20 In relation to the ice-cream it was the fact that
21 the Eastern Health & Social Service Board wouldn't be
22 that extravagant and provide pistachio ice-cream, but
23 I do remember asking the nurse who sat down with me and
24 said to me, "Would you like some ice-cream?" and I said,
25 "Yes", and they gave me a bowl of ice-cream and it

1 tasted funny and I enquired as to why it tasted funny
2 and what flavour was this and they said, "Oh, it's
3 pistachio". It tasted like there was ash in it, but
4 I kind of consumed it anyway, and at the bottom I was
5 aware whenever my spoon was on the bottom that there was
6 a gritty sort of crunchy -- whenever the spoon ran along
7 the bottom, there was a gritty sort of feeling to it.
8 So I suspected that maybe there was something in it.
9 Maybe I was being spiked. I don't know. It was just
10 a question that I asked. Why was this here? Pistachio
11 ice-cream? Vanilla, chocolate, raspberry ripple,
12 strawberry, I think that's the best the Trust is ever
13 going to do for kids in hospital.

14 Q. I can't really comment on the exoticness or otherwise of
15 the Board menus, but the point you are making is this
16 ice-cream stands out as a result of conversations you
17 have had subsequently about it.

18 But what the Health & Social Care Board have said to
19 the Inquiry is they have no record of anyone ever being
20 given medicine through ice-cream --

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. -- and that your medicine records are there.

23 A. So maybe it was cigarette ash and just whoever was
24 giving it to me was just having a laugh.

25 Q. Well --

1 A. I don't know. I mean, I simply mentioned it, because it
2 was something that I remember quite well.

3 Q. You mentioned toys earlier.

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. There's a lot of reference to toys and difficulty
6 playing with toys and breaking toys and so on in the
7 various records. Is there anything else you want to say
8 about toys beyond or have you covered the issue in what
9 you were saying about them?

10 A. We weren't allowed to have our own toys with us. We
11 weren't allowed to have any of our own toys when we were
12 in hospital. When we were in Lissue, we were denied the
13 right to have our own toys with us, because it would be
14 so unfair for kids who didn't have toys, and then the
15 toys that were available to us were rationed to us.

16 Q. In fairness, HIA172, I have seen a record -- I don't
17 have the page number to hand; I will have to get it for
18 the Panel -- where there is reference to the fact that
19 you had not brought toys in with you on a particular
20 occasion, and therefore if you made a complaint about
21 not having toys, the nurses needed to understand it was
22 because you had not brought any in.

23 A. I brought -- my mother, whenever she came back from
24 , the very day that LS8 turned or that I pointed
25 my finger at LS8, they still allowed me to go out. My

1 mother took me to Eats, which was an old chippy in
2 Lisburn, and we had chips there. On that day my mum
3 bought me Breakdance 2 Electric Boogaloo album or it
4 might have been Breakdance, the first album, and an
5 X-wing fighter from Star Wars. I brought them back to
6 Lissue and they made my mum take them away with her,
7 because I wasn't allowed to have toys.

8 Q. All I can tell you is what's in the record.

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. There's a record to that effect, which carries the
11 implication you could bring toys in and on this
12 particular occasion you had not done that. Perhaps the
13 policy changed over time. Do you remember if that was
14 the case?

15 A. I just remember whenever I did ask about it, we were
16 told that we weren't allowed to have toys because there
17 would be other kids on the ward that didn't have toys,
18 because their parents couldn't afford the toys. So,
19 therefore, it would cause conflict.

20 Q. You explain in your -- this goes across a number of --
21 positive memories that you had. You've talked about
22 LS 73 --

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. -- and you remember her or is it -- it's LS 73 is the
25 lady you remember?

1 A. LS 73 I think. I'm not sure how it's pronounced.

2 LS 73 .

3 Q. You remember a particularly positive lady --

4 A. Yes, yes.

5 Q. -- who was very warm and you have mentioned her.

6 A. She lives .

7 Q. You have said that all the teachers were lovely people.

8 A. Most of the teachers, yes. I think all of them were
9 pretty dead on.

10 Q. LS3 in particular I think was the principal of the
11 school.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You remember her fondly in your ABE interview.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. You also talk about LS21.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You have a particularly warm word for him in the ABE
18 interview.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. You also explain he would have intervened when you were
21 being mistreated by LS7.

22 A. I can remember an occasion where he had -- where he had
23 came out into the hallway as LS7 was dragging me down
24 once again to my bedroom, and I think maybe even he was
25 sick of seeing this woman constantly harass me and just

1 intervened and said, "Sure, let him come into the office
2 with me and I'll deal with him", and that's what
3 happened, I mean, and I think LS7 was just, "I want this
4 kid out of my way. I can't be bothered with this kid".

5 Q. Obviously he I think was the Staff Nurse. He as well
6 would have had a professional obligation to report any
7 mistreatment. He never reported LS7 for mistreatment
8 and, in fact, said he never witnessed her mistreating
9 a child, but he has said to the Inquiry, and if we look
10 at 60517, please, in paragraph 23, that he has said:

11 "During my time in Lissue I did not witness any
12 inappropriate behaviour."

13 So your recollection of him is warm --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- and you regard him as having stepped in to protect
16 you. He doesn't regard whatever it is he interfered
17 with, if he accepts that when he is asked, was
18 inappropriate, but you had a positive view of him.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. HIA172, you will be very pleased to know I am not going
21 to ask you anything else.

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Unless -- we covered the issue of recommendations on the
24 last occasion. We ask each witness whether there's
25 maybe something in -- there were eleven times in Lissue

1 that covered a significant period of time. I have tried
2 to cover the main incidents --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- and put both of what's in the material and what is
5 said in response to give you an opportunity to comment
6 on that in addition to what you have said to the Inquiry
7 in your statements and in the police material, but
8 perhaps there's something I haven't got quite right, or
9 something I haven't covered that you wanted to cover, or
10 if there's anything else you want to add to something
11 I've already raised with you but you felt we didn't deal
12 with fully, now is your opportunity to do that if there
13 is anything else you want to draw to the Panel's
14 attention.

15 A. I can't really think of anything.

16 Q. If you bear with us for a short while, the Panel Members
17 may want to ask you something. Thank you.

18 Questions from THE PANEL

19 MS DOHERTY: Thank you very much, HIA172. Can I just ask:
20 would you differentiate between your experience of
21 Lissue before you went to and after you
22 came back?

23 A. I think the treatment was pretty much the same. Just my
24 reaction to it was maybe a bit more extreme whenever
25 I returned from . I think kind of hardened

1 me a bit and made me a bit more rebellious, but I don't
2 think the treatment really sort of changed.

3 Q. The regime was --

4 A. I think just at the closing stages of my time in Lissue
5 I think -- well, I kind of ran away quite frequently and
6 really I just -- you know, I think I just lost all
7 respect for the whole environment. I think -- I don't
8 actually think -- I didn't have a last day in Lissue.
9 I think I ran away a couple of days before I was going
10 to be discharged, and I just went down to , and my
11 parents were -- had rented out an apartment in
12 and -- because they were planning to go back
13 to . Subsequently my mother left my father at
14 that time, but yes, I had actually run away from Lissue
15 and never kind of officially -- I wasn't on the ward the
16 day I was discharged. I was just discharged on paper
17 and that was it.

18 Q. So really your age, you know, that you were older and
19 your experience in is what would have been
20 different rather than the regime being different?

21 A. I think I just got sick of it.

22 Q. Can I ask: you talked about the issue about toileting
23 and being left on the toilet, and you said that you were
24 frightened that you would be chastised for not going to
25 the toilet.

1 A. Uh-huh.

2 Q. What sort of chastisement are you talking about?

3 A. Well, it was just mockery and shouting, depending on who
4 the staff member was. It's like I kind of explained
5 before. If it was a reasonable member of staff and
6 there was like a set period of time, "HIA172 should
7 really sit on the toilet for fifteen, twenty minutes and
8 hopefully his bowels will move in that time", then
9 that's what would have been done, but it seemed like
10 a lot of times other members of staff, the not so
11 favourable ones, would have left you there for
12 an excessive amount of time, and I did know the
13 difference between when LS 73 put me on time out and
14 I was on time out and I knew that she would come back at
15 a respectable and honest time whereas with the likes of
16 LS7 or LS6 or maybe even LS 85 if they put me on time
17 out, I could be there half the day.

18 It's not -- you know, it was like there was no --
19 there was no, you know -- you lost the sense of time,
20 because there was no clock in the room. You didn't have
21 an idea of, you know, how time was passing, but I do
22 recall on several occasions being put to bed and waking
23 up at night-time and being gotten up for dinner, or
24 being even gotten up for lunch, or even gotten up for
25 supper, being woken up, being brought out, given a glass

1 of hot milk and a digestive biscuit and then being sent
2 back to bed again, which was kind of like ridiculous.

3 Q. Do you remember any discussion with you about things
4 like the toileting system or about time out, you know,
5 why you were being put on time out, what it was about?

6 A. I don't really remember many members of staff actually
7 explaining to me why they were putting me on time out.
8 I am just guessing it was because I was running about
9 like a maniac, you know, or I was hyperactive, or
10 obviously bothered them in some way.

11 Q. But that issue of controlling your behaviour or -- do
12 you remember any therapeutic intervention in relation to
13 that?

14 A. I don't really remember anything specific, but that
15 doesn't matter -- sorry -- that doesn't mean that there
16 wasn't any. I can't say that there wasn't any. I just
17 know that I just had a lot of energy that I wanted to
18 burn off and there just wasn't -- I wasn't in that
19 environment where I could do that there, you know.

20 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

21 MR LANE: You mentioned that a number of boys went up on the
22 roof or children went up on the roof.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Was it easy to get up there then?

25 A. I think so, yes. I don't remember how I got up there.

1 Aiken had mentioned that I climbed up a tree on to the
2 roof. I don't know how I did that there. I think there
3 was -- I really can't remember. I think it was round --
4 you had -- if you went out into the back yard where the
5 playground area was, I think there was a way up from
6 there, from out the back there to get on to the roof,
7 but I can't remember exactly how, but I remember
8 , I remember he climbed on to the roof, and
9 I remember or or or --
10 sorry -- had climbed on to the roof and they were
11 throwing tiles down. I don't actually remember throwing
12 tiles down. One of the memories I actually had of
13 climbing on to the roof was I actually never threw tiles
14 down. Now maybe I did. I can't say that I didn't, but
15 I don't actually remember throwing tiles down, but I do
16 remember other kids that were up there that had thrown
17 tiles down. That was before I'd climbed up on to the
18 room.

19 I just remember whenever that happened we were, of
20 course, in the portacabins, the classrooms outside the
21 main building, and we were told that, "We have to be
22 careful when we are running back into the building here,
23 because one of the boys is on the roof throwing tiles,
24 and just cover your head", and we were covering our
25 heads as we were running into the building, but I don't

1 actually remember throwing tiles off the roof myself.

2 Q. Were any measures taken to stop people getting on the
3 roof?

4 A. No, because I think I'd climbed up on -- before I left
5 Lissue I think I'd climbed up on to the roof a couple of
6 times. It was quite an adventure, you know. It wasn't
7 the only roof I'd climbed up on over -- after that
8 period, you know. I guess it was just the monotony in
9 the place had just gotten so bad that you just ...

10 There was no -- there was no consequences to doing
11 these things, because doing a simple infraction got you
12 really punished -- right -- and a really mad infraction,
13 really bad infraction got you punished. So it didn't
14 matter. There was no equilibrium there for any extreme
15 sort of behaviour. There was no extreme punishment for
16 extreme behaviour, reasonable punishment for, you know
17 -- for, you know, moderate bad behaviour. So it just
18 didn't seem to matter. It was all the same thing.

19 Q. Did you have any sessions with either doctors or nurses
20 to talk about the overall purpose of why you were there
21 or how they were going to treat you or anything?

22 A. I can't -- I don't really remember any. Like I said,
23 I am not saying that they didn't happen. I am sure
24 there was times that they sat down and spoke to me, but
25 I think it would have been fruitless. My head would

1 have been somewhere else. My thoughts would have been
2 somewhere else. I was just ...

3 Q. Was there any system of what are now called key workers,
4 you know, for linking specially with one particular
5 nurse or anything?

6 A. I don't remember being linked with one particular nurse.
7 I remember when I was in Rathgael that I was linked to
8 various members of staff and that's quite clear, but
9 when I was in Lissue, there didn't seem to be any one
10 dominant sort of, you know, nurse that was there for me
11 except for, you know, the ones that were -- I kind of
12 fondly remember. I don't know if they were allocated to
13 be like that there, you know, but, you know, they just
14 were -- it's the only reason I kind of recall them.

15 There was lots of -- there was lots of staff members
16 there that I don't even remember their names. I can
17 remember their faces. I can remember the way they
18 dressed, but I can't remember their names, and they were
19 pretty decent people. I would say that the majority of
20 the staff in Lissue were actually quite good people.

21 When you did misbehave and you did do something
22 wrong, you were punished. You put in time out, and that
23 was fair enough. You kind of knew, "Ah, I kind of
24 mucked about", and then you came out of time out and
25 that was a respectable amount of time, but there was

1 other nurses there that were quite cruel and barbaric
2 and that is why I am here today, for them, not for the
3 whole system.

4 Q. Do you think they were concerned at losing control of
5 you?

6 A. I don't think they ever had control of me. I don't ever
7 think I had control of me --

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. -- and that's -- if you read there, "Why couldn't I --
10 why can't I control my temper?", I don't think I had
11 control of me. I don't know -- if somebody says, "Well,
12 what could they have done?", I don't know. I really
13 don't know. Maybe the best that could have been done
14 for me was being done and unfortunately it didn't help.

15 Q. Right. Thank you very much.

16 A. Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA172, thank you for coming back to speak
18 to us again. Ideally we would have liked to have dealt
19 with all of your experiences in different places in the
20 same session, but as the complexity of the material we
21 have been discussing today makes clear, it is really too
22 complicated to do it that way. Things get mixed, but
23 thank you for coming back to speak to us again.

24 A. Okay.

25 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, I have one more

1 the Acknowledgment Forum transcript where HIA294 spoke
2 about Lissue House.

3 I also am drawing to the Panel's attention, as I did
4 on the last occasion, that when HIA294 spoke to the
5 police in May 2013, he didn't mention any issue in
6 relation to Lissue, and when he saw Dr Bones,
7 a psychiatric consultant, in October of 2004 as part of
8 a report in sentencing for offences from May 2004, he
9 didn't make mention of any allegation of any
10 mistreatment in any institution, including not making
11 any mention of Lissue.

12 Now the Inquiry has replying statements in any event
13 from The Health & Social Care Board, which are at 1067
14 to 1069 and then also at 683 to 685, with exhibits from
15 686 to 692.

16 HIA294 was in Lissue from 27th May 1971, so an early
17 admission, until 16th October 1971, four and a half
18 months, from a few days just before his tenth birthday
19 until 10 and four months.

20 In his discussion with the Acknowledgment Forum --
21 and I am going to put it like this, Members of the
22 Panel; I know you have read his statement -- he did not,
23 in fact, allege that he was abused in Lissue. He
24 remembered being turned over on his stomach and someone
25 being near or working around his bottom. He explained

1 that he had subsequently asked himself, and in
2 discussion with his legal representative, who may have
3 raised the issue with him from the way it is phrased in
4 the -- when he put it to the Acknowledgment Forum, was
5 he or wasn't he, which I take to mean was he or wasn't
6 he sexually abused in Lissue?

7 Now if it had been possible for me to meet with
8 HIA294, I would have been able to show him
9 a psychological report -- if we look at 691, please --
10 of 17th December 1970, which is shortly prior to his
11 admission a number of months later to Lissue, which
12 shows, if we just scroll down, please -- in the first
13 paragraph under the "Comments" section you can see that
14 he had severe encopresis.

15 That perhaps would have assisted him to understand
16 that he may well have been receiving assistance for
17 a medical condition, and that's the memory that he had,
18 which would allow him then to answer his question of was
19 he or wasn't he with the more likely he wasn't answer,
20 but unfortunately he passed away in February '14.

21 I don't propose to say anything further about the
22 matter relating to Lissue unless there's anything you
23 wish me to address.

24 CHAIRMAN: I don't think that will be necessary. Thank you.

25 MR AIKEN: That concludes today's ...

1 CHAIRMAN: Very well. We will adjourn now and resume
2 tomorrow morning.

3 (4.40 pm)

4 (Inquiry adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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