

HIA REF: 119

Witness Name: HIA 119

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 119

I, HIA 119 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED]. There were five children in my family – my brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and my sister's [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I lived at home in [REDACTED] with my parents and siblings. My father drunk every day and beat my mother regularly. I witnessed some of the beatings. One day my older brother [REDACTED] stood up to my father for beating my mother and they had a fight. My brother stabbed my father with a kitchen knife. I witnessed it. My father died a few days later. My mother was placed in [REDACTED]. I was placed in Lissue hospital in 1983. I was put in for rest and care. [REDACTED] was fostered, [REDACTED] went to live with my Aunt and [REDACTED] went to live with my sister [REDACTED] and her husband.

Lissue House

2. After my father died I started to do crazy things. I kicked in doors and windows, threw tantrums and rode a bike in the street in the early hours of the morning. People around me knew I wasn't well and I was taken away by a social worker called [REDACTED] LS 33. I was placed in Lissue in 1983 when I was eleven years old. My brother [REDACTED] committed suicide a year after my father died and I found it hard to cope.

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3. I was in a dormitory first and then I was moved to my own room when I was there for a while. There were about four or five beds in the dorms. I think there were about eighteen to twenty children in Lissue of all different ages. During the day we were put into two groups, a red group and a green group. I was in the green group. We stayed in our groups during meal times and recreation. There were three members of staff who looked after the green group and three looked after the red group.
4. During my time in Lissue I was subjected to physical and mental abuse on a daily basis by three members of staff [LS 34], [LS 7] and a man called [LS 35]. The abuse started a couple of weeks after I arrived. There were staff who were nice and they were called [LS 6] and [LS 36]. They witnessed the abuse such as the slaps and the pulling of ears but they did not intervene or tell the other staff to stop. All they did was stand beside me and say 'you'll be okay' and they comforted me.
5. I was slapped, kicked and nipped by [LS 34], [LS 7] and [LS 35]. [LS 7] was the worst. I suffered constant verbal abuse. They were always shouting and saying things like 'don't you be a smart ass'. At night when I couldn't sleep because of nightmares of when my father died I wet the bed.
6. I was slapped around the legs by the three staff which was very painful. During meal times if you were caught talking or laughing you were slapped around the head and pulled from your chair by the ears and sent to your room without anything to eat. Sometimes we were locked in our rooms.
7. While I was playing football in the recreation area which was in the basement I fell and [LS 35] came over and stamped on my hand. He stamped on my hand several times. Later that day I was in so much pain and I complained to the staff. Eventually [LS 35] brought me to Lagan Valley Hospital. On the way to the hospital I was told that I had to say it was an accident. He told the doctors that I had an accident. I had a hairline fracture in my finger on my left hand.

8. On another occasion I was on a roundabout in the adventure playground which was at the front of the home. **LS 35** was spinning the roundabout. He spun the roundabout very fast and I begged him to stop as I was getting dizzy. He didn't stop and it was going so fast I fell off. I had to be taken to Lagan Valley Hospital again and my wrist was broken. Again I was told to tell the Doctors it was an accident.
9. At night when I felt scared and frightened I got out of bed and I could never find a member of staff. There should have been staff on duty but I could never find them. I used to dread each day because I didn't know which staff member was going to be working. I lived in fear of being physically and mentally abused. Every day I was treading on eggshells in fear of being beaten.
10. We had class in portacabins. I think the teacher was called **LS 1**. If you didn't listen in class or misbehaved, the teacher phoned the main building and one of the staff came and dragged you out of the classroom by the ears and slapped you on the back of the head.
11. I witnessed other children getting abused but I do not want to give their names as it is their decision if they want to come forward to the Inquiry. I don't think there was a day went past when somebody didn't get hit or beaten. There was constant shouting in your face. The man **LS 35** was terrible for poking us in the chest.
12. There were people in Lissue who had special needs. On one occasion a girl got hyperactive when eating her lunch. I do not want to give her name. **LS 7** grabbed her by the hair and shook her and put her in the corner and made an example out of her in front of people. If it wasn't her getting abused it was someone else and if it wasn't someone else it was me.
13. A psychiatrist called **LS 21** was in charge of Lissue. I think I saw him once. I think I was given tablets but I don't know what kind of tablets they were. I don't know what kind of medication I was on in Lissue.

14. My family came to visit me about once a week. I couldn't tell them what was going on because there was always a member of staff watching me to ensure that I didn't say anything about the abuse. The staff would tell my family 'oh he is doing great'. I didn't get the opportunity to talk privately to my family. I couldn't tell my family that I hated the place. When my family left the staff's attitude changed. It was all for show.
15. Sometimes if I was walking on the corridor past staff they would have kicked me or gave me a slap. They beat me and other children for no reason and sometimes laughed when they did it. For example, if we were in the TV room laughing I would be pulled out or dragged out by the staff and I would have got shouted at and the video we were watching would be stopped and everyone would be punished. This went on constantly.
16. **LS 7** always made an example out of you if you were caught talking at breakfast time. She made you stand in the corner and she would have told everybody 'see this is what happens to people who talk too much'.
17. **LS 34** took us to the marches in Lisburn on 12th July. The other children who were in the home and I didn't want to go but she made us and said 'you're going whether you like it or not because there's nobody else to look after you'. She was laughing and cheering while the people were marching. We didn't want to be here.
18. I don't know what jobs the staff who abused me performed. I don't think they were medical staff. They didn't wear a uniform. They wore ordinary clothes.
19. **LS 7** was very wicked. She did a lot of the beating, slapping and pulling hairs. She hit you by the hand or pulled your hair and ears, and slapped you on the back. She was a big woman. She threw me out of the dormitory many times.
20. The other children in Lissue were pleasant and I witnessed them getting slapped and punched.

21. I got out of Lissue for visits home. I was out for about two hours and then back again.
22. I don't remember any social worker coming to see me. They never explained to me or my family the medical reasons for why I was kept in Lissue.
23. I was fostered twice from Lissue but it didn't work out as I couldn't settle. I think I left Lissue around 1985. I was then moved to another children's home on the Somerton Road. It was fine there. The staff were brilliant and I got on well with them.

St Patrick's Training School

24. I think I went to the care section in St Pat's around 1987. I was about fifteen years old. I think I was there for about three years. It was brilliant and I didn't want to leave as they were very good to me. **SPT 83** was my housemaster.

Life after care

25. I have suffered all my life with chronic depression, anxiety, self harm, alcohol abuse, horrific nightmares and sleepless nights. I have never formed relationships with anybody.
26. When I feel anxious I cut my arms with a knife. I have tried to commit suicide a few times. I am been in the Royal, City and Mater Hospitals. I attend a CPN about once a month and I am on diazepam and anti-depressants. Life is better but every day is still a battle. I can't get interested in anything. I have good family and friends. I am living with my mother.
27. It was only when I saw the article in the Irish News about Lissue that I told my sister **[REDACTED]** about the abuse. I have now told the rest of my family. I have never reported the abuse I suffered in Lissue to the police.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed HIA 119

Dated 13/1/16

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ROYAL BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

Child Psychiatry

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

IN-PATIENT

OUT-PATIENT

Name of Patient **HIA119** (age 11½) Date 12/6/25

An entry, positive or negative, to be made if possible against each heading. This may be in the briefest form which is complete and intelligible. If space does not permit adequate entry refer to separate note. Statements of patients to be distinguished by inverted commas.

Height 1m 39cm Weight Good Nutrition Good
 General bodily health Good Relation of appearance to age ✓
 General development and build Normal for 11
 Sexual maturation Pre pubertal
 Complexion Fair Cornea, Conjunctiva ✓
 Skin eruptions, etc. None on @ hand Pigmentation @ No
 Distribution of body hair Normal
 Any anomaly of Cranium, Face, etc. No Bones and joints
 Deformities and stigmata No
 Signs of old or recent injury Recent abrasion @ supileiac spine + @ shoulder
 Thyroid ✓
 Exophthalmos ✓ Lymphatic Glands X

NERVOUS SYSTEM

Symptoms None Sleep ✓
 TRUNK AND LIMBS. Trophic State of Skin, etc. ✓
 Any Wasting of Muscles No Paresis No
 Muscular Tone Normal
 Involuntary movements, tremors, tics, etc. No
 Deep Reflexes, K.J. +/4 A.J. +/4 B.J. +/4 T.J. +/4 S.J. +/4
 Superficial Reflexes ✓ Plantar Response ↓↓
 Co-ordination ✓ Gait ✓ Station
 Cutaneous and deep sensation
 Pain and Paraesthesia ✓
 CRANIAL NERVES. I. Smell ✓ II. Vision 6/6 6/6 Fundi ✓
 III., IV., VI. ✓ Ptosis No Strabismus Diplopia No
 Movement of eyes Convergent Nystagmus No
 Pupils. Outline. R. = L. Size. R. L. Equality Perfect
 Mobility to Light R. L. Consensually R. L. To accommodation R. L.
 V. Jaw Muscles ✓ Sensation of face ✓ Reflexes Corneal, Conjunctival ✓
 VII. Voluntary facial movement ✓ Movements of Expression ✓
 Prevalent Expression Happy Furrows and expression lines X
 VIII. Hearing ✓ Tinnitus X Vertigo ✓ Aural discharge X
 IX., X.; XI.; XII. Movements of Palate ✓ Tongue ✓
 Swallowing ✓
 SPEECH ✓

Language ✓

CO-ORDINATION OF FINGERS: Dexterity in holding pencil
 Picking up objects Touching fingers in turn with thumb
 CONSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS: Copying triangle Copying diamond
 Copying star Skill in drawing Man
 CO-ORDINATION OF LIMBS: Skill in Throwing Kicking Catching
 Hopping Walking and Turning
 HANDEDNESS AND FOOTEDNESS: Drawing Throwing Kicking
 RIGHT — LEFT DIFFERENTIATION: Own limbs or body Doctor's

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CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Symptoms ☒ Oedema ☒ Cyanosis ☒ Anaemia ☒
 Flushing ☒ Dilated Capillaries ☒ Varicose Veins ☒
 Condition of arteries Good B.P. 110/60 J.V.P. ☒
 Pulse 90 reg Circulation in Extremities good Sweating ☒
 HEART. Apex beat 5th ICS mid normal beat
 Other pulsations and thrills No
 Cardiac Dullness ☒
 Heart sounds, Bruits 24/s murmurs

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Pain No Cough No Dyspnoea ☒ Odour of breath ☒ Sputum ☒
 Shape and symmetry of chest Symmetrical Movements R=L
 Percussion note Resonant Breath sounds Vesicular
 Adventitious sounds, etc. No Vocal fremitus, resonance ☒

ALIMENTARY SYSTEM

Appetite ☒ Flatulence ☒ Vomiting ☒
 Bowels Regular
 Abdominal pain No
 Teeth ☒ Gums ☒ Tongue ☒ Fauces ☒
 Abdomen Soft no tenderness B/S

URO-GENITAL SYSTEM

Micturition Frequency ☒ Difficulty, Pain ☒
 MALE. Testes, Epididymis ☒ Glands in groin ☒ Hernia ☒
 FEMALE. Breasts ☒ Pelvic Organs ☒
 Secondary sexual characters No
 Urine: Colour ☒ Sp. Gr. ☒ Albumen ☒ Sugar ☒ Acetone ☒
 Summary of Abnormal Findings:

① Psoriasis age 9 x1 hospital admission for hair.

② Warts both hands - warts.

Examined by

[Signature]

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CHILD PSYCHIATRY UNIT

Revised
15th Nov. 1983

Nursing Assessment on Admission

Date 12.6.84.

Name: HIA119 Rel: R/c. Age: 11 1/2 yrs.
 Sex: MALE Height: 1.41cm. Consultant: DR McHale.
 D. of B. [REDACTED] Weight: 37.900 Registrar: J.R. Brown.
 N. of K. Mother. Known Allergies: [REDACTED] Social Worker: LS123
 Address: [REDACTED] Nurse: LS1
 [REDACTED] Teacher: GREEN.
 Tel. No. [REDACTED] Physical Illnesses: [REDACTED] Group: GREEN.
 Accompanied by: LS36 Other Outside Agencies: N.S.P.C.C.
 [REDACTED] G.P. [REDACTED] School: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] PR. [REDACTED]
 Planned Admission [REDACTED] Fit Person Order [REDACTED] Place of Safety Order [REDACTED]
 Emergency Admission [REDACTED] On N.A.I. Register [REDACTED] In-Pt. [REDACTED] Day-Pt. [REDACTED]

Physical Data:

Build and Posture Medium Hygiene Good.
 Colour of Eyes Brown Appetite Good.
 Colour of Hair fair R/Brown Sleep Pattern Disturbed!
 Complexion Ruddy Elimination: Enuretic: Encopretic:
 Condition of Teeth Good Day-Time:
 Condition of Hair Good, neat, healthy Night-Time:
 Mobility full
 Scars, Abrasions, Bruises or Swellings Scar tissue left shoulder R / 4 lines.

30-11-84 Returned to unit wearing gold coloured 'claddagh ring' which he bought at market. [REDACTED]

Dress:

1. Appearance: Appears neat and tidy on admission. Short hair well groomed. wearing jumper and jeans. new looking 'trainers'.

2. Ability to Dress:

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Summary using following guidelines:

History, presenting problems, personality, behaviour, communication, motivation, mood, mannerisms, potential problems:

This 11½ year old boy has been presenting with a history of uncontrolled 'violent' behaviour occurring in the 'home' situation. Described by school as a 'likeable' gentle athletic boy. The family history is very unstable. His father having been killed by his elder brother in a confrontation situation in home. Currently on 'parole' /R 'unlawful killing'.

HIA119 is being cared for by aunts whom he ? Resents and his violence would seem to be directed towards them. They /and mother, appear to have placated him with acquiescence to his demands. (neighbour states > SPONTED!) He seems also to have difficulty in sleeping need some family members to be with him. No mannerisms. He would appear to communicate reasonably well. Sensitive about his proclivities.

Signature

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Urinalysis on Admission:

Sp. Gr. Protein Glucose Ketone Acetone Bilirubin Urobilinogen

Weekly Weight Record:

Date	Weight	Date	Weight	Date	Weight
15.6.84.	37.900.	20.8.84	39.350	29.10.84	41.400.
17.6.84.	38.000.	27.8.84	40.450.	5.11.84	42.350
25.6.84	39. —	3.9.84.	40.150.	3.12.84	42.450
2.7.84	38.400	10.9.84.	40.750	10.12.84	42.700.
9.7.84	38.450	17.9.84.	40.450.	17.12.84	42.400
16.7.84	39.300.	24.9.84	40.700		
23.7.84	39.400	1.10.84	41.500		
30.7.84	39.700 (calm in place)	8.10.84	41.350		
6.8.84	39.500	15.10.84	40.750		
13.8.84	39.800	22.10.84	41.700		

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CHILD PSYCHIATRY UNIT

LISSUE HOSPITAL

15th November, 1983

TREATMENT PLAN

Name

Date _____

12th June 84

Consultant

DR M. Juley

Date	Nursing Goals	Review Date
12.6.84	1. Assessment. Record of <u>interaction</u> A. peers. B. staff. C. social skills. D. sleep patterns.	
	1st Review	
	2nd Review	

DATE	SEDATION	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	No. of Hrs.
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20/8-84																9
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THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY

STATEMENT OF: LS7 [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]

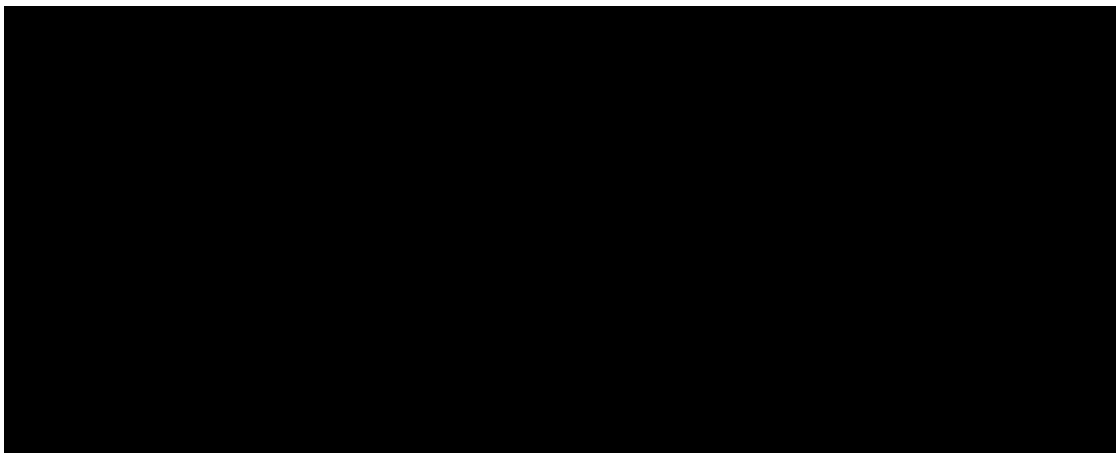
2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]



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1. I entirely reject the allegation of physical or mental abuse by myself or my other colleagues. I saw nothing of concern in the behaviour of my colleagues when I worked at the unit that would have given rise for concern or led me to have made any formal complaint.
2. I do not recall the specific incident at paragraph 12 of HIA119 statement. Certainly a child that became disruptive as above would have been brought to a corner to try to induce calm. I know that I would have not grabbed a child by her hair and shook her. I entirely deny that this took place. I know my own ambit of behaviour, and am completely certain that this would not have ever happened.
3. Of paragraph 16 the conversation between the children at the table was not discouraged as a general rule, unless it was abusive of other children, was insulting, or that bad language was being used. Children were encouraged to interact with each other and members of staff in order to assist in their recovery. There would not have been therefore an attempt to make an example out of a child, but rather if a child was misbehaving it certainly was

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the case that that child would have been encouraged to calm down using the methods as set out above.

4. As to paragraph 19, I completely deny any beating, slapping or pulling of hair, pulling of ears or slapping on any part of the body by me or other member of staff.

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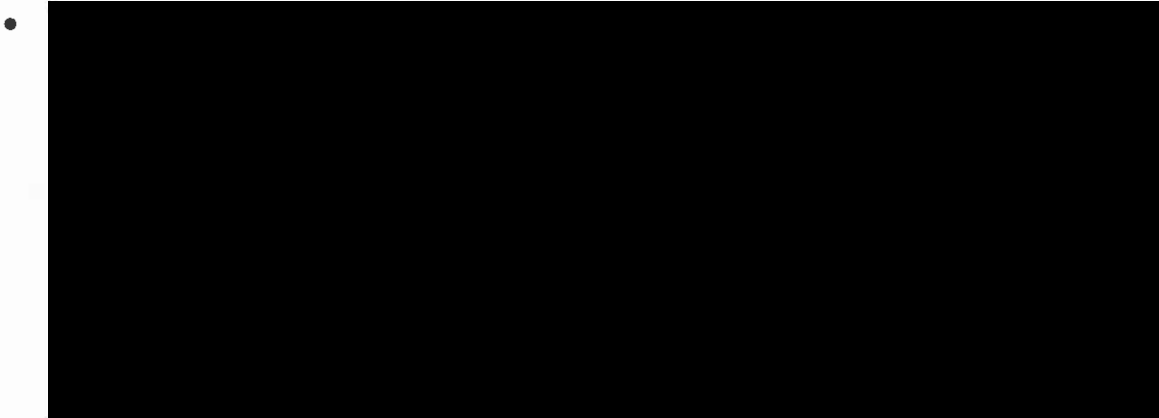
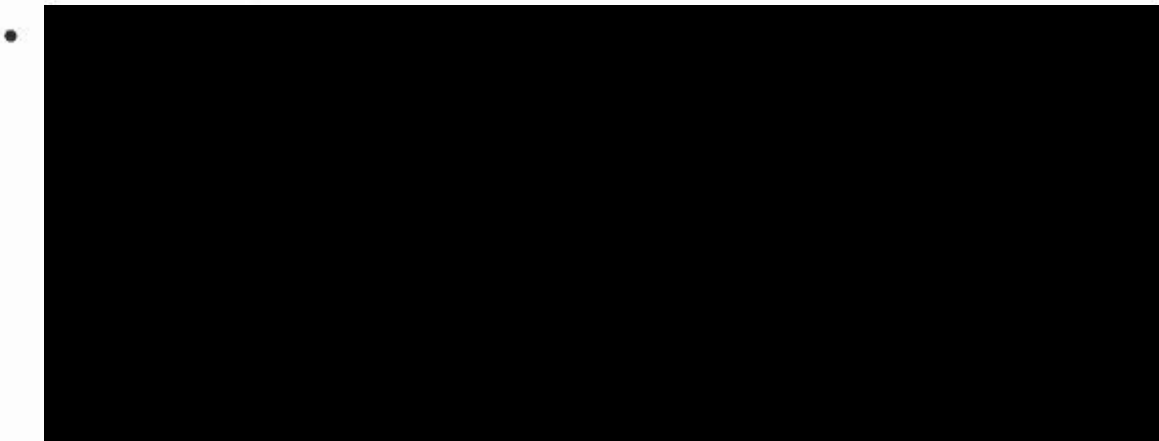
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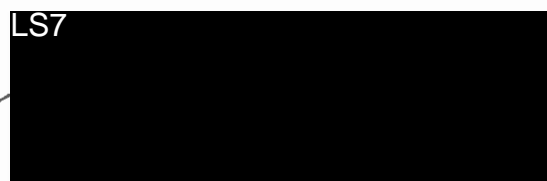
Conclusion



Dated this 4th day of April 2016

Signed

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PARENTS

Attending Family Therapy Yes or No

Dates of attending Family Therapy:—

Visiting Interactions etc.

On 9th December out for the day with brother. On 12th December overnight stay with foster parents. On 14th December out for the weekend.

SUMMARISE:—

Eating:— No problems but a very picky eater

Toileting:— No problems but needs reminding about personal hygiene.

Activity Level:— Average for his age group

General Mood and Temperament:— Inclined to be stubborn but quite level headed

SLEEP HISTORY AND OBSERVATION:—

Feels very insecure at bedtime and frightened of waking during the night. Likes his light left on and door open. Requires reassurance of staff presence. Has been more unsettled recently thinking about death etc. Also very anxious re fostering and will often discuss his fears of the future at bedtime. Usually sleeps well once settled for the night.

C/N McGreevy

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:—

Discussed at Ward Round on 10th December - short-term foster parents to meet with HIA119 today.

Visiting and weekend arrangements went as planned and HIA119 was finally discharged to their care on 21st December.

Revised 15th Nov. 1983

Signature..... S/N McKay