

HIA REF: 251

Witness Name HIA 251

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 251

HIA 251, will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED]. I have two older brothers called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and one older sister called [REDACTED]. My parents separated in 1978. My father went to prison in 1979 and my mother found it difficult to cope. My siblings and I were all taken into care in or around 1980. We were in several children's homes. My first placement was Ballyclare Children's Home and I was then moved to Knockfergus Children's Home in Carrickfergus and Carnview Children's Home.
2. My mother met her partner [REDACTED] and my half-brother [REDACTED] was born in 1981 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I were allowed home to live with my mother and [REDACTED] for a short period of time before I was sent back to Carnview in 1985. I know I started to miss school and became difficult at home. I started drinking alcohol and experimented with solvent abuse. At the time I was confused and I wondered why I was the only one of my siblings taken back into care. I don't remember any bad treatment at Carnview but something happened and I was moved to Lissue when I was 11 years old.

Lissue Hospital (1985 – 1986)

3. No-one told me I was being moved to Lissue. I remember I had a Social Worker called LS 32 but I don't remember any conversations with her about

why I was in Lissue. It felt like I was in Carnview one minute and the next minute I remember being in a room at Lissue which had big green plastic chairs in it. I think I was admitted twice to Lissue Hospital, for a period of a few months each, between 1985 and 1986.

4. I don't remember much of my time in Lissue because I spent the majority of my time strapped to a bed. I remember the medical officers strapping me to a bed on several occasions and going out cold. They gave me injections. I could have been under for days and in that time I don't know what they were doing to me. There was a large mirror in my room and I must have been observed by the medical officers. I was given injections regularly and I do not know how long I was sedated for. That's how I remember my time in Lissue. I would like to know what injections they gave me to put me out. I feel the injections had a negative impact on my life.
5. I also remember there was another room with lots of cameras in it and they took videos of us playing. There were toys and a sand pit in the room. My step-father [REDACTED] told me once he remembers that room. He thought it was abnormal. My mother and [REDACTED] went up to Lissue for an interview once. I think it was an interview about me being allowed home for weekend visits and they recorded that interview.
6. I was kept in a room by myself and was very rarely allowed out to mix with the other children. I can visualise the corridors but I cannot remember where the rooms were as I was kept in my room most of the time. I know the staff office was right beside me so they could observe me. The door was always kept open and I could see out. I remember a boy and girl who were brother and sister. They used to live up by the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. On one occasion I remember looking out of my room and seeing the girl being followed into a room one day by a member of staff. This particular man was small with dark hair and he was horrible. He walked up the corridor after her and he followed her into one of the dormitories. I always wondered what happened to that girl.

7. The other thing I remember about the boy and the girl is that they had a big meccano set and they used to build cars and motorbikes out of them. They loved it. I remember on one day this same member of staff was walking down the corridor and he kicked the motorbike to smithereens when we were playing with it. I was very upset and they took me back to my room and strapped me to my bed again. After about twenty minutes, my next memory was waking up in bed the next morning.
8. That same member of staff hit me on several occasions also. He would ask me if I wanted a cigarette and when he gave me one he would say "Do you want a light", and when I said yes, he would hit me on the face or head. It was like he was playing mind games with me.
9. I also recall a man who came to the window in my room in the evenings. I think there was a fire escape outside my room. The window hatch was opened slightly and he use to knock and slip cigarettes under the hatch. I don't know who the man was. He was an older man with a bald head. The staff at Lissue thought I made this man up. I know I didn't because I remember looking forward to getting a cigarette in the evening and a bit of conversation.
10. I don't recall any particular routine at Lissue. I have no memory of attending school during my time there or being taught school lessons. There was a cookery class and we used to make buns during it. I also remember a teacher taking our photographs with instant cameras.
11. I remember that as a punishment the staff would put me in a room with children who were severely disabled. I know I had behavioural issues but I was not disabled. The staff would make me sit with these children for hours and I could not understand why. I thought that they were playing mind-games with me and were punishing me in some way. These children had special red chairs with sheepskin padding and I remember these chairs very clearly. My mother came to see me regularly when I was at Lissue and when she saw I was sitting with these children she couldn't understand why. I think it upset

- her. I remember my mother tried to take me out of Lissue one day. We got as far as the front gate before a member of staff stopped us and I was sent back.
12. I also remember an incident when a member of staff examined me. He put his hands down my trousers and asked me to cough. I do not know if it was a doctor or a psychiatrist. I always wondered if that was inappropriate and I remember asking a GP once for his advice. The GP said if it was a doctor it was mostly like a medical examination. I am aware of the abuse that happened in Lissue and sometimes I wonder if anything happened to me when I was sedated for days.
13. The food in Lissue was ok. It was just like hospital food. I don't remember where the bathrooms were. I do remember one day we were sent outside to shower. It was a very hot day and we were all lined up against the wall and they showered us with the outside watering hose. I remember the power of the hose was so strong we were scraped against the wall. The wall was rough and it nicked my skin. When they gave me soap or shampoo to wash I remember it seeped into my cuts and stung my skin.
14. I ran away from Lissue frequently and the police would always find me and bring me back. I wanted to go back to my mother. I remember one time I ran back to Carnview and broke in to steal food from the kitchen. I was away for days before the children in Carnview saw me and the staff alerted the police. I would climb onto the roof in Lissue to find escape routes and the staff would call the police. On one occasion, when I was attempting to escape, I remember running down the lane from Lissue. A man, we called the 'gate man', chased after me. I must have fallen and the gate man grabbed me and pushed my face right down in a puddle of dirty water. I remember struggling and two policemen and a member of staff ran over and pulled the gateman off me but no report was ever made of it.
15. I was given a medical examination every time I returned to Lissue after running away. I remember the staff would drag me into a particular room. They would give me some medication which knocked me out. The next thing I

would remember is waking up and being strapped to the bed again. I prefer to sleep on my front now. If I wake up and I'm facing the ceiling I remember being in Lissue and I panic. Lissue was a horrible and scary place. I will always remember the crows sitting round the building and the laneway.

16. After Lissue I was sent back to Carnview Children's Home and was eventually allowed home for a short period of time. My behaviour deteriorated and I got involved in criminal activity and was admitted to Rathgael.

Rathgael Training School (1987)

17. I was sent to Rathgael because I became increasingly involved with drugs and re-offending. I think I was fostered as some point to a family in Glengormley. It did not work out and I was returned to Rathgael to be committed. I have no complaints about Rathgael. I thought it was better than Lissue. They took me out on day trips, like rock climbing, and I was taught woodwork and metal work. I found it motivating. I was allowed to smoke in Rathgael. I was allowed home sometimes at weekends and on extended leave. I got involved in criminal activity again and became more dependent on drugs and started to run away from Rathgael. I wanted to go back home to live with my mother. I was then sent to Lisnevin.

Lisnevin Training School (1989)

18. I was remanded to Lisnevin borstal. I knew it was for bad boys. I misbehaved in Rathgael and was put in to Lisnevin. There was a points system in Lisnevin where you had to earn points to be able to leave at the weekends. I had several admissions to Lisnevin. I would be returned to Rathgael and something would happen and I would be back in Lisnevin again. I don't have any particular complaints about Lisnevin. At this stage of my life I had been from one institution to another and I felt I belonged to the system. When I was returned to Rathgael I would run away and get involved in trouble. My drug addiction increased as I got older. I started taking heroin in or around 1989. It was like a vicious circle. I committed more serious crimes such as burglary, criminal damage and assault, and ended up in Hydebank.

Crumlin Road (dates unknown)

19. Before I was sentenced to Hydebank I was sent to Crumlin Road Prison for a few nights. I remember the first time I went to Crumlin Road. I was petrified. It was a man's jail and I was only 16 years old. My father and uncle were in floor above me and the prisoners knew who I was. I felt like I got respect in some way which I never received when I was outside prison.

Hydebank Young Offender's Centre (dates unknown)

20. I have no complaints about the treatment in Hydebank. I put my head down and did my time. I was an 'orderly' which meant I was given jobs to do which gave me a routine and meant I spent less time in my cell. I was not allowed to leave Hydebank and stayed there until I was 21 years old. When I left I got involved with serious criminal activity and re-offending again and ended up in Crumlin Road and Hydebank again. I made friends inside prison. I have been in and out of prison most of my adult life.

Life After Care

21. After I left Hydebank when I was 21 years old I stayed out of trouble for about ten years. I got married and had a son. I left my wife shortly after my son was born. I found it difficult to cope. As a result I did not form a good relationship with my son. I had another relationship and had a daughter. I maintained a good relationship with my daughter. I also have two grandchildren. I am close to my sister and her daughters now. Her husband recently passed away and she is in a new relationship. I babysit my great nieces and nephews. It is a good distraction and I enjoy it. I think it helps me.

22. In my mind I feel like I never left Lissue. I grew up in the system, living in one institution to another, and I felt I never really got the help I needed especially with my drug addiction. I was in and out of care homes and I have had a life of drug addiction and re-offending. I have been out of prison for nearly two years now. I would say I'm a hard-line prisoner. I have an extensive criminal record but I have been punished for every offence I have committed. To be honest I

don't like it outside. In prison you get three square meals a day, clean laundry and the medical help is a lot better. I find the doctors outside prison unhelpful. The doctors outside tell me I fit the criteria of a 'junkie'. I don't like being labelled in that way. I have a drug addiction. My previous GP changed my medication and I am finding it really difficult to cope. I have transferred to a new GP and was referred to the Outreach Team. I am currently living at [REDACTED]

23. My dependency on drugs started at a very young age. I feel that the injections I was given in Lissie contributed to that and messed my head up. I don't think it was right to strap me to a bed and sedate me the way they did in Lissie. To this day I have problems sleeping. Looking back, I know I had behavioural issues but I do not think I was given the correct treatment. I should not have been put in with the other severely disabled children and I will never forget the incident where the gateman assaulted me.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed HIA251 _____

Dated 18/2/16. _____

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. In paragraph 4 of his statement, the Applicant recalls spending the majority of his time in Lissue strapped to a bed and being given injections. The Board believes

that it may be the roof incident that the Applicant is referring to. On 30 May 1986 it is recorded that the Applicant went onto the roof once more, [REDACTED]. On receiving this information, it is recorded that staff immediately put into place the guidelines recommended by Dr McAuley [REDACTED]. After three hours, the Applicant was brought down from the roof after which he ran away across the fields. Staff members gave chase and were able to apprehend him and he was brought back to the Unit. On return to the Unit, [REDACTED] the Applicant was put to bed and given 20mgs of Diazepam intramuscularly. The Applicant was subsequently constantly supervised and the behaviour programme noted above was reinstated in order to allow the Applicant to earn his way out of his bed. The records regarding reprimand for the roof incident often concern the Applicant being put to bed and earning his way out of bed, [REDACTED]. There are no mentions in the records of straps being utilised to achieve this but rather constant supervision. The Board does not believe that this method of restraint was likely to have been employed in this case. The Board does not believe that this method of restraint was likely to have been employed in this case. It is known however that restraints, including gloves which could be attached to beds and bedding, were used in very particular circumstances with very disturbed children. This would have been in cases where children may have tried to harm themselves, or remove clothing and this method was employed to try and prevent them doing further damage to themselves.

14. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

15. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

School Report on
HIA251 contd.

MATHEMATICS:

Practice was given in: multiplication of Tens and Units by one digit numbers progressing to multiplication by 10, 20, etc.

He practised division by 10, progressing to division of H.T.U. by one digit numbers. He was currently practicing multiplication of Tens and Units by two digit numbers. He faced initial difficulty in this area but latterly had grasped the skill satisfactorily.

He made an honest effort throughout and I felt he had made satisfactory progress.

Use was made of: Modern Comprehensive Arithmetic, Book One;
 Follow-up Maths, Books 3, 4;
 Alpha Maths, Book One.

From time to time shopping activities were incorporated to reinforce learning.

PROJECT WORK:

HIA251 generally participated with much enthusiasm in practical activities, outdoor events and follow-up class work to compile project work based on the following topics. He had a special interest in nature and contributed greatly throughout:

He studied - Winter Buds/Trees in Winter; the needs of birds in winter; identification of birds spotted in grounds; Greyfriars Bobby; How Bananas are grown; "Into Space" in connection with 'Zig-Zag' (B.B.C.2); pussy willows/catkins; snowdrops/crocuses/daffodils; the story of baked beans; the story of chocolate; the fallow deer; signs of Spring; Nest Building; the development of the frog.

HIA251 was very observant in outdoor environmental activities and enjoyed assisting in creating nature scenes in class using materials he had helped to collect.

MUSIC:

HIA251 had a good sense of rhythm and skilfully played a selection of percussion instruments, especially enjoying "the drums". He participated well in accompanying singing sessions and in listening to a variety of different types of music on the tape recorder. He liked "The Streets of London" very much.

P.E.:

HIA251 showed ability and skill in games, football, use of small and large apparatus, fitness training and entered fully into these activities.

POTTERY:

Much pleasure was derived from experimenting with and shaping the clay. Practice was also given in creating models using casting powder and **HIA251** took care in decorating his models with pleasing results.

School Report on
HIA251 contd.

ART/CRAFT:

HIA251 showed special ability in sketching, design work, drawing. He had a good sense of colour and created very expert drawings/designs. He would enjoy using free activity periods on such assignments and always produced very accurate, true to life pictures. Attention was paid to very fine detail.

COOKERY:

This subject gave **HIA251** much pleasure. He baked such items as buns, scones, biscuits, sponge cake. He was quick to grasp methods and enthusiastic in all the work including kitchen chores.

GENERAL REMARKS:

During the time **HIA251** was in class I generally found him amonable, affable, co-operative, interested in improving his basic skills and enthusiastic in co-operative project work. He had the capacity to concentrate on given tasks until completed. Free activity periods were generally constructively used by practising sketching, designs or lego building. There were, however, occasions when his behaviour would deteriorate. He would become argumentative, answer back, snigger, make derogatory statements directed at me, laugh/shout inappropriately and generally become disruptive in the class. On some occasions he was removed from class to complete work in isolation on the ward. He would return, apologise and calmly settle again. Generally he was given extra work to complete for his misdemeanours and these tasks were satisfactorily carried out.

In the freer, outdoor situations **HIA251** would at times become headless and unruly, yet at other times was most responsive, co-operative and enthusiastic.

HIA251's settled behaviour patterns greatly out-weighed the unsettled ones and generally I found him to be a trustworthy, likeable boy who could show respect, tolerance, was appreciative of rewards and privileges and was, on the whole, popular with peers. He was responsive to teach and I enjoyed having him in my class.

LS2

Class Teacher

March 1986

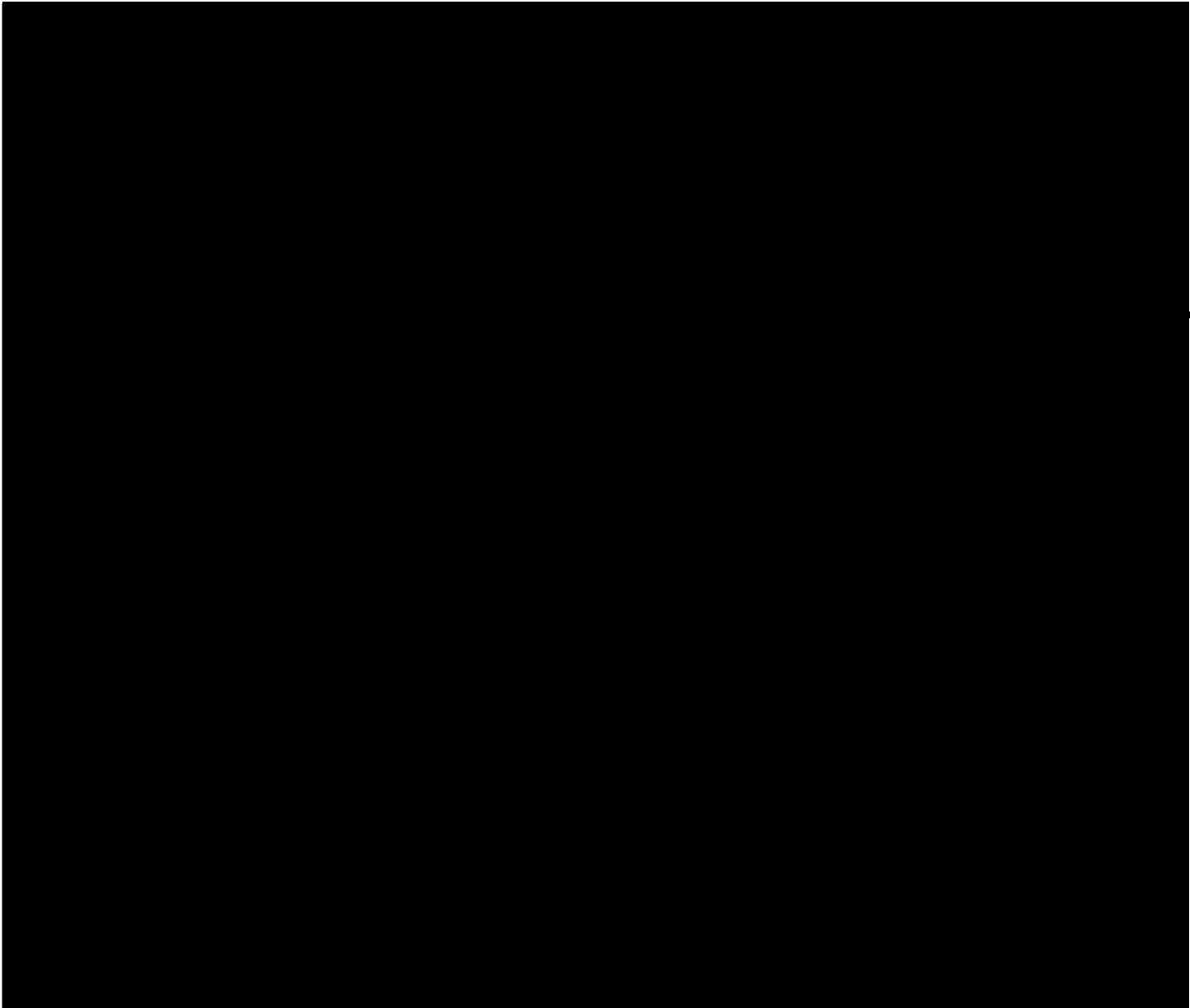
IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

HIA251

Name

Date.....

Doctor



with Social
12-5-86, assessment form completed
Police informed at 1-30 pm. LS130

He had been enticed by another child
who it appears had left class following
disruption in classroom earlier. They
Remained in area until about 1:00 pm

When they left hospital gowns.
 Attempts by staff to return them to
 ward up to this time were unsuccessful.

LS21

Please inform District R.U.C. and JS
 when he returns. (

12/13/5/86. Phone call from RUC to say they
 had been picked up at Green castle.
 Recd by RUC @ 11 pm. HIA251 Very quiet;
 trousers very dirty - scuttled into bed quickly
 without a word. No details about escapade.
~~not~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ attention given when by staff
 put into bed quietly. LS131

13/5/86 ~~At~~ Joined in with other peers at social
 skills this afternoon. (Lynn)

13/5/86 Put in pyjamas to-day because of absconding yesterday.
 Restless at tea-table later sat and watched video.

LS132

13/14-5-86. Sat quietly all evening
 watching a video in company
 of peers. No problem.

LS133

IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

Name: HIA251

Date:

Doctor:

14-5-86. Morning Report

Remained in pyjamas this morning & expressing a "couldn't care less" attitude. Trying to irritate other children & encourage them to misbehave. Peers attempted to put pressure on HIA251 during morning meeting, but he turned a deaf ear to them. Went to class as usual but left class at 9:30 A.M. I spoke to HIA251 in ventura area & he agreed to go back to class peacefully. There was no foul language or aggressive behaviour & HIA251 gave the impression he had been told he would be going to Ratzgael & just couldn't wait to be there. Said he would stay in class & put up with it until the end of the week.

LS34

At 10-00 a.m. sln LS34 reported to me that HIA251 and LS127 were on the Bungalow roof. I designated staff to maintain a continuous surveillance of the area, and ensure the children were within sight. They alternately took instructions and acted accordingly. However HIA251 & LS127 proceeded to vandalize the roof during the night. HIA251 & LS127

and create interior damage through sky lights.
 Breaking windows through out Building. No reasoning
 at all could encourage the children to cease.
 at times attacking staff with Bricks, slates and
 pieces of glass.

I informed [LS128] Senior House
 officer. Also [LS129] Director of Nursing Services
 who in turn informed Hagan Valley Administrator
 Caroline staff here Lambert [HIA251] our key
 worker informed, she informed [LS32] (field
 social worker). Mr. Urie Resident Principal
 Carver was present at issue for appointment
 in relation to another child.

however situation completely
 exacerbated beyond control, (keeping [LS129]
 updated). Staff & children in building at risk.
 I ensured safety of same, taking all children
 to area of road away from danger.
 Teaching staff assisted obligingly. Paediatric
 Unit, Canteen, kitchen & domestic staff also
 advised to remain in building. "Hiburn
 Police" informed at this stage who
 released Nursing staff surveying area.
 [HIA251] and [LS127] hunted slates and bricks
 and smashing windows

IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

HIA251

Name

Date

14-5-86

Doctor

of 'Fiesta Car' belonging to one of the
 Domestic here As this continued police
 gradually retracted children from highest
 roof to area with 'less danger' both
 children jumped down and ran off
 across fields. Police gave chase and
 returned them to unit at 11.45 a.m.

LS129

informed of same.

LS134

contacted Dr. Nelson and Dr. McAnley
 do no avail.

2. Mr. Weir Assistant Principal (Rural)
 following discussion with myself and

LS128

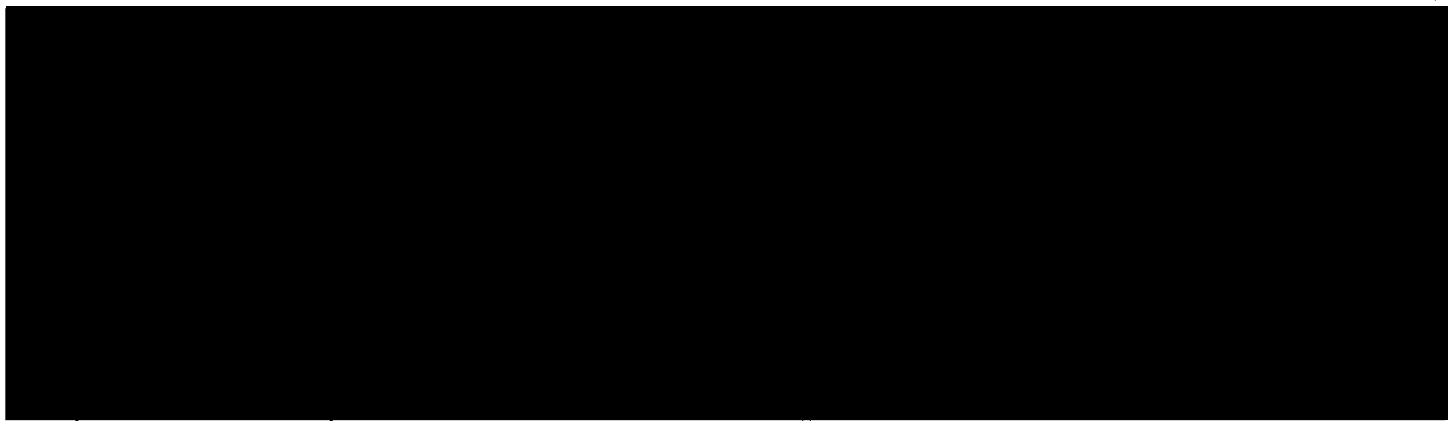
attempted to contact Rathgal (RG16)

to enquire re-possibility of admission
 there. No places currently. Mr. Weir is
 aware that prior to this incident a

HIA251

suitable placement for HIA251 is to be found
 no later than this coming Friday 16-5-86.

HIA251



HIA251

On return to unit displayed no response, smiling, giving and generally apathetic to situation but to bed in observation room, observed

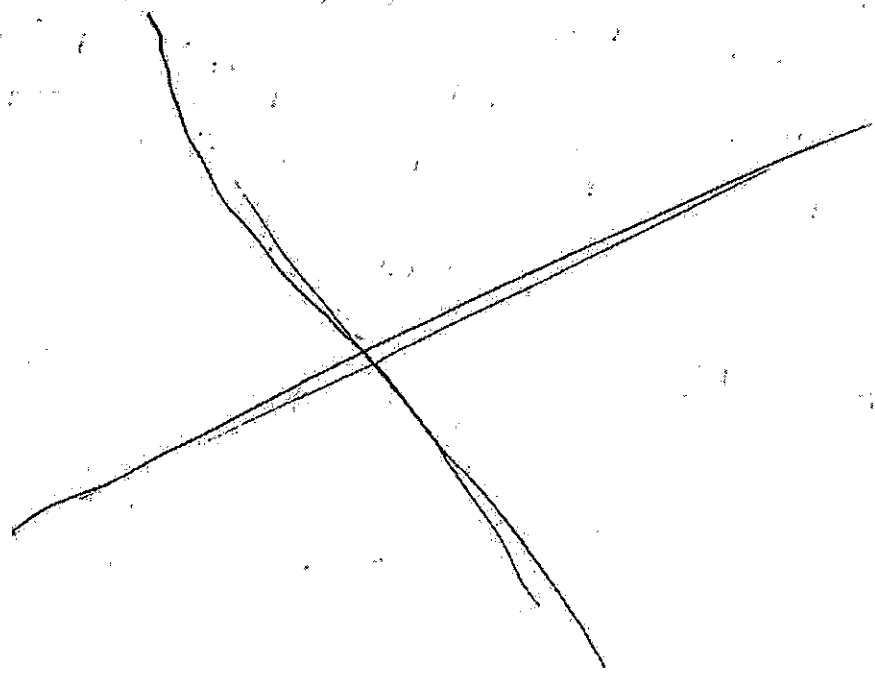
LS34

currently by SW

Time of report 1:30 p.m.

LS44

SW



14
15. 5. 86.

Remained in Bed under constant supervision
from 8pm until 8AM. Presented no Prob. 81m.

Settled to sleep at 9.30pm.

Slept sound through out the night.

LS84

15-5-86. Team Handover

LS80

aims to see parents to day.

Some collective thoughts to be taken
on what we have / have not to offer for today.

Report on HIA251 to be prepared & sent
to Mr. Weir (asst. principal SW).

LS34

Continues to be observed, as a 1-1; in quiet form.

This pm became quite restless. Got out of bed
having to be returned by staff. Very hostile when

LS127

allowed down for family therapy. HIA251

got up from bed & attempted to kick put. foot through
window by kicking window. Returned to bed by staff where
he settled down again. Mood still very hostile

LS135

15/16. 5. 86. Remained in bed with constant supervision
asked for hot drinks for supper drinks as it makes him
sleep. in quiet form, asleep 10.30 P.M.

LS136

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IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

Name HIA251

Date

Doctor

16. 5. 86. Evening Report.

Spoken to by LS138 + myself. Very softly spoken & answered in mono syllables. Is very aware that his "punishment" is his own doing & any hurt he feels has been self-inflicted. Said he wished he had listened to myself & s/n LS44 on Wednesday morning before indulging in his vicious behaviour. However no tears, but rather demanding when he could join other children & have his privileges returned. Tidied up his cupboard & appeared to enjoy doing so. Ate all his tea.

LS34

IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

HIA251

Name

Date

18-5-86

Doctor

AM
18-5-86 was discussed at ward meeting in respect to intergration programme - Pt. has shown no remorse for his behaviour last Wednesday.

LS137

18/5/86 PM Pt needs to know that there is a consequence for his actions. It was suggested that a point system be established for him to earn his way back into the normal ward routine. Highly probable that HIA251 will repeat last Wednesday's episode of climbing onto the roof and behaving very destructively. Pt needs a chance to prove himself. Plan of action needs to be made out in case there is a repeat of the last Wednesday's behaviour.

LS137

19-5-86

Following discussion it was decided that :-

- 1) HIA251 to remain on constant supervision until next Tuesday - regardless whether he remains in bed or is allowed up.
- 2) To get school-work sent up to his room.
- 3) A points programme to be formulated leading to gradual re-integration to full peer interaction, being fully up by Friday.

LS138

20/5/86 Continues to be observed by a nurse. Has been doing school work which he has completed well. Has also been allowed up for meals.

20/21/5/86 Remained in his room colouring in. No problem at all. Observed cont.

21/5/86 Still continues to be observed by a nurse up this evening from 5-30 - 8-30. Chart filled in except for school period time. Well behaved.

LS132

21/22-5-86. Had supper and returned to bed at 8:30pm - observation continued. No problem at all - very quiet.

LS133

22.5.86 Can be unmanipulative but staff on the ball, continues to be observed closely. Enjoyed TV to night.

LS7

IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

Name HIA251

Date 22nd May, 1986

Doctor

Nursing Summary cont.

Lissue and would have to earn his privileges back.

Also visits from mum, dad and aunt to be arranged if possible.

On 19th May it was decided that HIA251 should have his school work sent to ward. Also a Points Programme to be formulated leading to gradual reintegration to full peer interaction.

LS139



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The Royal Belfast Hospital
for Sick Children
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PSYCHIATRY

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EXT 3550/2100

20 May 1986

LS8

Nursing Officer
Lissue Hospital

Dear LS8

RE: HIA251

I understand that following an incident last week, when this child and another child were on the roof of Lissue Hospital at which time they did considerable damage that the problem was discussed with Dr Nelson and it was agreed that Winston should in the meantime stay in Lissue Hospital. I understand it perhaps most importantly he should not be allowed to gain his objective of admission to Rathgael by extreme behaviours such as those mentioned above. At the moment he is being closely supervised but my own worry is that this can hardly be particularly productive in the long term and therefore I record below a proposed plan of action which has been discussed with you and which I am now recommending should be put into action.

1. Careful attention should be given to easy access points to the roof and if it is feasible access to these points should be made more difficult. A further point which I think is worthy of attention is that cars should where possible be parked in the main carparking area and perhaps not be parked in areas where they may be easily damaged from the roof - here I am thinking especially of car parking perhaps in the bothy region. Obviously you may only be able to go so far on these points but I think each is worthy of consideration.

2. If the child returns to the roof then it is my opinion that his behaviour should be ignored. It would seem that it is far more dangerous to attempt to get the child down and infact such efforts may meet with increasing levels of destructiveness and direct aggression. Further any chase on the roof could result in either the child or staff members falling and seriously injuring themselves. During the period that the child is being ignored then it is my opinion that he should be observed from a distance by one member of staff who does not in anyway attempt to interact with the child and whose sole purpose is to really monitor the situation. In general large scale observation should be avoided and persons including adults and children should be cleared away from any potentially dangerous areas. Of course this suggested course of action may have to be reviewed in the light of further experiences but it would seem to me that the most important thing is to try a definite course of action.

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RE: HIA251

20 May 1986

3. Following any episode in which the child goes out on to the roof and later comes down my opinion is that he should be given a tranquillizer in the immediate phase and this should hopefully also allow the situation created in the general ward to settle down. Following this then a programme in which the child earns his way out of his own room should be instigated. This has already been discussed with staff at Lissue and I hope that they would take this as their responsibility to design.

4. Very importantly I think that various people need to be informed about this course of action mainly in view of its potentially serious nature. Firstly both the district nursing and administrative people should be contacted and the plan of action revealed to them. Secondly social services should be informed since the child is I understand on a Fit Person Order. If there are problems with our plan which are raised by any of these bodies or if you perhaps yourself envisage any difficulties I would hope that you would immediately consult back with me.

I would appreciate your passing this information on to both nursing staff and other disciplines in Lissue and also to the district authorities as mentioned above. Perhaps you could ask one of the social workers on the unit to ensure that social services have also been informed as is mentioned above.

I hope that this course of action will help defuse the situation and deal with the problem if it reoccurs.

Yours sincerely

R McAuley MD MRCPsych
Consultant Psychiatrist

RMCA/SMCK

IN-PATIENT NURSING NOTES

Name **HIA251** Date 30-5-86

Doctor Nelson

On coming on duty this morning I was informed by staff-nurse **LS79** (a member of the night-duty staff), that the above patient, **HIA251**, had once again managed to abscond on to the roof - he had been to the toilet, accompanied by staff-nurse Law who waited outside the door, and managed to squeeze through the small window in the toilet; ~~from~~ from where he managed to gain access of onto the roof before ^{he could be} ~~being~~ apprehended by a member of staff.

On receiving this news I immediately put into operation the recommendations outlined in Dr. R. Mc Nulty's letter to **LS8**, dated 20th May '86, which referred to the previous incident when a similar episode occurred.

The following steps ~~was~~ were carried out :-

- 1) I assigned initially a member of the nursing-staff - Staff-Nurse **LS7** to keep **HIA251** under observation from a safe distance and to ~~monitor~~ ^{AP 940} the situation without attempting to interact

with him in any way.

2) I then instructed staff to ensure the safety of the children remaining in the Unit, by moving them to a safe area (in this case the dining area initially, and following breakfast, the smaller of the two day-rooms), Making sure to keep all personnel away from any windows, and closing all the curtains on the windows.

3) I informed the remaining personnel in the unit of the situation and to ensure their safety and safety of the children in the Paediatric Unit, I advised the nursing staff in the Paediatric Unit to

a) Remove the children from any areas of danger, especially from below the skylight in the main hall.

b) To place a notice on the stairway below the same ~~the~~ skylight instructing all personnel not to use this stairway whilst HIA251 was on the roof.

4) I also instructed all personnel to move their

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4) Continued -

Cars away from the main building area, down the drive to a safer location.

(Unfortunately there had been some cars left overnight in the main car-park at the front of the building by other disciplines attending a two-day work-shop in liaison and they could not be recontacted to move these and some which subsequently damaged before they could eventually be moved).

5) I instructed LS140 and LS99

members of the portering staff, to:-

a) Block off access up the drive and instruct any incoming personnel of the danger, and re-route them to the unit by a safer-route.

b) To block-off the stairway leading from the reception area to the Child Psychiatry Unit and to erect a notice instructing personnel not to use it (this stairway also lies below a

sky-light which would prove a potential source of danger.

I instructed the following personnel per phone of the incident;

- 1) **LS8**, Asst. Director of Nursing Services, to his home, giving him the details at that time.
- 2) **LS142**, Senior Registrar in Child Psychiatry; who asked if we were carrying out the instructions recommended by Dr. McAnley and I assured him that we ~~were~~ had; he also advised me that he would instruct Dr. McAnley of this incident (Dr. McAnley would be attending the Unit later as he was also attending the "work shop").
- 3) I attempted to contact **LS129**, Director of Nursing Services; at the Health Centre; and informed **LS141** Asst. Director of Nursing ~~Services~~ ^{Services}; who was deputising for **LS129** of what had occurred, giving her details of the incident as I knew them at that time.
- 4) I also contacted Ruth Wark, Deputy Officer-in-Charge of Caven View Children's Home, from where **HIA251** was admitted, from; and she agreed to contact the relevant Social Services department as **HIA251** is presently under a

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- "Hit Person's Order"

These steps taken I then arranged for the children remaining, to have their schooling on the ward, as I did not want to expose them to any unnecessary danger by moving outside the building. With the help and co-operation of the teaching staff this was duly completed.

I assigned further members of staff to help to monitor **HIA251** movements on the roof without drawing attention to themselves or exposing themselves to danger.

Whilst **HIA251** then embarked on an orgy of destruction, the members of nursing staff attempted to continue on the routine of the unit as best they could.

Dr. McAnley and **LS142** who were late on hand personally to see what had occurred AP 940 and both were insistent that **HIA251** was to

receive no attention which might further aggravate (6)
 the ~~set~~ situation and were happy to leave the
 situation in the hands of the nursing staff, they then
 continued with their work-shop.

After approximately three hours, HIA251
 moved off the main roof area onto the roof above
 the video viewing - rooms, and with myself (press) blocking
 his access back to the main roof; LS99

LS99 managed to trap him between us both.

At this stage HIA251 jumped into an adjoining field
 and ran off across this towards the railway lines.

LS99 immediately gave chase and managed
 to catch up with him on the railway lines before he was
 placed in any further danger, and with the help of
 nursing staff returned him back to the Unit.

On return to the Unit HIA251 was immediately
 put to bed and received 20 mg of Diazepam intra-
 muscularly by LS128, Denise House officer; on Dr. W. Hall
 instructions giving us time to bring the Unit back into
 its full routine.

A nurse was assigned to maintain constant

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— Supervision on **HIA251** and a behaviour programme is to be re-investigated allowing **HIA251** to earn his way back out of bed to full peer interactions.

The relevant disciplines were then brought up to date on the situation, and all information duly documented, and relevant forms completed.

LS138

Charge nurse.

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