HIA REF: [

NAME: NL 187

DATE 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

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

#### Witness Statement of NL 187

- I. NL 187 will say as follows: -
- 1. I am a social worker currently employed by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, I commenced as a trainee social worker with the Belfast Welfare Department in December 1972 and then completed the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work between September 1973 and June 1975. I took up a post as a qualified social worker with the Eastern Health and Social Board in September 1975. I was the social worker for HIA 41 and his family from October 1975. until August 1977.
- 2. During this time I visited the Applicant and his younger siblings in Nazareth Lodge monthly. I also visited their mother, NL 282 on a regular basis. Social Services records indicate that for most of this time the Applicant was settled in Nazareth Lodge and was visited regularly by his mother. He preferred to stay in the unit rather than visit her at home, see exhibit one containing three monthly reviews. The Applicant received a small amount of money for answering the telephone and acting as doorman, see exhibit two.
- 3. At a case conference in March 1976 in Nazareth Lodge the Applicant's move to Rubane was discussed but was considered to be inappropriate as he did not wish

to leave Nazareth Lodge. In October 1976 it was suggested to the Applicant that he move to Rubane where his older brother DL 87 resided, see exhibit two. He did not wish to move as he did not have a good relationship with DL 87 but had a close relationship with his younger siblings NL 57 and NL 56 who were resident in Nazareth Lodge.

- 4. In March 1977 the Applicant's behaviour became very unsettled, truanting from school and absconding from the home as described in exhibit one. The Applicant told me that he wanted to move to Rubane, and that he behaved in this way hoping he would be moved to Rubane as a result. He also told me that he SR 30 who had left the home to take up a full time teaching post. missed His unsettled behaviour continued and in May 1977 the Applicant told me that he SR 46 and SR 156 treated did not like Nazareth Lodge because SR 46 and SR 156 found him like a child. My records indicate that it difficult to cope with the Applicant's behaviour. A place was available for him in Rubane and my records indicate that when I advised him of this he was 'delighted'.
- I transferred the Applicant from Nazareth Lodge to Rubane on 6 May 1977. The
  records indicate that he was upset leaving Nazareth Lodge but 'cheered up' on
  the way to Kircubbin. Social Services records indicate that the Applicant settled
  well in Rubane.
- 6. During this time the Applicant's sister, NL 57 born told me that she was unhappy in Nazareth Lodge. In June 1976 she told me that SR 62 had hit her shortly before my arrival at the home. She was not upset at the time. She told me that she had been disobedient and I thought that she may have said this to deflect from her behaviour as she had not previously reported SR 62 SR 62 hitting her. I recorded this and advised my line manager. I had not recorded advising my line manager but can recall doing so. On reflecting on this incident I realise that this would now be dealt with in a very different manner. At the time, however, I did not believe that SR 62 would have hit NL 57 and thought that she had a good relationship with her.

- 7. In May 1977 SR 62 contacted me to say that NL 57 was being very cheeky and had absconded from the home the previous Saturday, not returning until the evening. I visited to discuss this with SR 62 and NL 57, and noted in my records that SR 62 attitude towards NL 57 was 'punitive'. She remained present with NL 57 and I and I was therefore unable to speak to NL 57 alone.
- 8. A few days later I did speak to NL 57 alone. She told me that she was happy in Nazareth Lodge but that sometimes she did not like SR 62. She stated that SR 62 gave her too much responsibility looking after younger children but at other times treated her like a child.
- 9. On 17 August 1977 NL 57 told me that she was very unhappy in Nazareth Lodge and that SR 62 often hit her or shouted at her for trivial reasons. I asked NL 57 if she wanted to move to another group within the home and she was keen to do this.
- 10.I left the Eastern Health and Social Services Board at this stage and passed this information on to the social worker who then became responsible for the family, NL 253

#### Statement of Truth

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

Signed NL 187

Dated 27. 3. \S

#### CHILDREN - IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Jame of child: HIA 41	Date of Birth:
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Division: South Sc	chool attended/xxxxxxxxxxx St. Augustine's
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	Nazareth Lodge 30.8.73-Present
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### 3 - MONUMLY REVIEW

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Date of Admission to Care: 6.6.73 Section under which admitted: 95  Reason for admission (be specific): Home conditions were very unsatisfactory and Belfast Juvenile Court granted a F.P.O. on 5.7.73 following an application by Belfast Welfare Department for same.  How ac communicated during period in care:  Place Period  Convent of Mefcy Newry 6.6.73 - 30.8.73
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Nazareth Lodge 30.8.73 - present
Dates of visits to child:30.1.76, 6.3.76, 25.3.76
Dates of Entertless with Parents: 19.1.76, 4.2.76, 13.2.76
HA 41 is still working reasonably hard at school, and he appears to be
happy at St. Augustine's. He enjoys all kinds of sports, especially
football, which he is able to play at the school. HIA 41 has been less
keen to go home to his mother every other Sunday, but prefers to stay
at Nazareth Lodge. Although he is very fond of his mother, he prefers
to stay with his friends at Nazareth.
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Principal Social Worker: Date:  * Delete whichever is inapplicable

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# CHILDREN - IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

3 - MO	NTHLY REVIEW	
Name of Child: HIA 41	Date of Birt	h:
Home Address: _	Care Addr	ess: Nazareth Lodge.
Division: South School a	ttended/Employment S	t. Augustine's Sec. S.
Date of Admission to Care: 6.0	Section under	which admitted 95
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	Nazareth Lodge	30.8.73 - present.
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Social Worker: NL 187		
Social Worker: INL 107	A.P.S.W.: uhll Date:7	10.75
Principal Social Worker:	ahl Date: 7	10.76

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1
    CHAIRMAN:
              Go a bit more slowly.
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    MS SMITH:
                Sorry. I beg your pardon.
                ...763 is April?
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    CHAIRMAN:
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    MS SMITH:
                Yes, April '74.
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                ...7...?
    CHAIRMAN:
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    MS SMITH:
                ...65 is September of '74; ...766 is January of
7
         '75.
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    CHAIRMAN:
                Yes.
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                ...764 is April of '75. There is an entry at
    MS SMITH:
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         ...773, which may be, but it is undated, and it may have
11
        been September of '75; and 41767 is December of '75.
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         Then 41768 is April '76, but I am going to look now at
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        October '76, HIA41, which is 41769.
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             You will see here this is an example of these
         three-monthly reviews that were carried out.
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16
         indicates the reasons for you being taken into care and
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         the period of time in Convent of Mercy and Nazareth
                 The dates of visit to the child are August and
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19
         October '76. Interviews with your parents there are
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         also recorded and it said:
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             "HIA41, who is in a different group at Nazareth,
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         than his brother and sister, spent the month of August
         at Ballyhornan. He also enjoyed this holiday.
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             It was suggested to HIA41 that he could spend some
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        weekends at Kircubbin with his brother DL 87 , but the
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2		had phoned Nazareth earlier and knew about it. Told her
3		that he we propose transferring HIA41 to Kircubbin
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5		there with her before. She agreed that he would be
6		better there and that he would be he would prefer to
7		be there himself. Said that she'd no objections to
8		this. Asked her about HIA41 coming home at the
9		weekends. Pointed out that he would want to go home if
10		DL 87 was. She said she wouldn't be able to
11		accommodate both boys",
12		and then it goes on. Then if we go back to the
13		preceding page, which is 30657, at the top of that on
14		6th May:
15		"Transferred HIA41 to Kircubbin. He was quite upset
16		at leaving at leaving Nazareth and cried quite openly
17		in the end. However, he cheered up somewhat on the way
18		to Kircubbin."
19		Now, HIA41, those are the documents that are in the
20		social work papers that relate to your transfer to
21		Kircubbin. I know that you feel that this is all part
22		of a conspiracy to move you from Nazareth Lodge to here.
23	A.	There are also written documents there from NL 187
24		totally opposing the Sisters of Nazareth sending me to
25		Nazareth to Kircubbin. As I explained to you

25. 3.76 HIA 41 NL 57 & NL 56 at Nagarath. They were all in their usual chity mood, I we plugd adds for some sine. SR 62 hoppy with their boloviaer, especially placed with "NL 56 progress. She said that NL 57 had not mortioned anything more about what werd on when the wes visibility hes mother. SR 62 mentioned the possibility of NL 57 going away on a exchand but with a local priest in May Said that a would morbios this to NL 282 April - June 1976 period. There appear to be no special problems NL 56 behaviour has improved considerably during the past 3 months. He is nearly quieter now and SR 62 reported that his behaviour in school is now good.

On my look visit to Nogareth NL 57 told me that she is unteppy at Negareth. The said that SR 62 was crued to her often made her look after younger children and in fects had like her just about one have before a commissed. I had never heard NL 57 complain about SR 62 before in forth o know that the Shoter is very ford of her and 9 had thoughts the jeeling was nutual. 9 asked why SR 62 had hits too. thinking that NL 57 had been distributed its NL 57 admitted that she had been disabordient. 9 fells that NL 57 was just complaining because of this and decided to love the motter where she

Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
13/oct/77	Varted NL 282 NL 282	
-	NL 282 seemed happy enough to see though she	
president and the	was somewhat retreat in her answers	
	to me no doubt because she has not yet	
	I confirmed with NL 282 that she would	
	have to visit Nogaseth hardye to collect	14
3=	NL 57 and NL 56 so we did not feelit	
***************************************	opprespreade to just send them out " as he	
102	Requested. She complained of difficulties	
*	with SR 62 who complained to her	
7 <u>15</u>	about the configure she heeps etc. Promised	
	to discuss the well SR 62. She olso	
	children when some was working in the	
	cofe on Saturdays but I pointed out that	
	do while to spad there day in a cafe N visited NL 57 NL 56 _ NL 57 complained outlarly about SR 62 who she felt	1 253
	to shilve to spand their day in a cafe	L 233
15/10/17	Visited NL 5/ L NL 50 _ INL 5/ complained	
	orthory about SR 62 who she felt	
	to have me discuss this with her. NL 56	
	hardly said anything and was who shy.	
	I tolked to SR 62 und founted out	
<del>25_10</del>	that it was in the best interests of all	
(Applied)	concerned if she that to develop a good	
	relationship with NL 282 and suggested	
	she kneourage has to be friendly when she calls for the cheldren, She poternised to do this	
	NL 253	
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Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
22/10/77	york NL 57 + NL 56 out for a drive to the country this oftenoon Nothing of much relevance was said by them but	
	they seems more relaxed in my company NL 253	)
26/10/77	routed HIA 41 & DL 87 in wishelber Brothers  Afort that both and sottling down well	
	with his temper. HIA 41 now young to	
2 Nowhn	NL 282 nacce for his western NL 253  Called at	
	alled at by uppointment NL 282	
	that DL 87 wanted to good a school trup to france arranged to take her, NL 57	
	NL 56 to Kirkelon the following NL 253	3
30/20/1	NL 282 and DL 87 disafferred leaving NL 57  NL 56 to play with HIA 41 not very  satisfactory DL 87 mentioned truly & 3  BR 1	
	agreed to seize it at former in  December, is topas NL 253	

Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
	Review Kakelblu unable to be present due to ras krockhown see minutes in	
3/12/77	childrens file.  NL 282  Visited NL 282  De osking the boosed for the money for DL 87 this sorted out the surrangeness	6
	Las period. NL 57 + NL 56 to come holdery NL 253	
8/12/77	Insited NL 57 + NL 56 . Explained to Hem and SR 62 was some notion about sanding them to a family fore xnas without our approval. Explained situation to her and wasned against precipitous action. My selationship with SR 62 is treating	5
9/12/702	John alseady!! contacted NL 257  ord asked has to take with SR 62  NL 253  Visited Kiskubhu - confirmed asdangements  with BR 1 and DL 87 + HIA 41  Both looking forward to mas though:	
	HIA 41 will be sheeting most of holidays  - NL 282  NL 253	

Date	REPORT	Initials of Officer
24/1/18	some with them in the lodge with SR 62  SR 62 constantly butting in to see what  NL 57 now much fappiere  in her present group so a member  of stoff who left some time acro has  how rejoined the hodge. NL 57 had  a good relationship with her and this  has been rejorged. NL 56 now says  he would like to go to De ha solle who  he is old enough.	
24/2/18	Visited NL 57 + NL 56 - both still happy to be in their present group with the new slopp member - especially NL 57 Review next Thursday.  NL 253	
27/2/18	Justed NL 282 - NL 282 took DL 87  out to puschese clother for his try Both  le + HIA 41 were home for the wylend  but HIA 41 went to  Struton  NL 282  g would be at Kashibban reset day Gave  me a letter for DL 87 - none for HIA 41  S choloraged her on this and she stated  she and HIA 41 just didn't get on  NL 282	

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	understand NL 258 notwester for runny away	
	and was upset by the suggestion that NL 282	
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#### **OUTLINE OF CASE\***

(Give salient facts in chronological order with clarity and brevity. Do not merely repeat witness statements. Where more than one person reported summarise the case against each.

Whilst the aim should be to summarise the facts on one page, a continuation page may be used if it is necessary for the inclusion of all the salient facts.)

This file concerns the alleged assault of a number of persons while they were detained at Nazareth Lodge Children's Home in Belfast between 1971 and 1981.

The subject of this report is Sister SR 62 , (formerly known as at the home between and ...

She now resides at Nazareth House,

The complainants were traced and interviewed by police after an investigation was launched into Nazareth Lodge Children's Home, Belfast following a number of complaints from children who were resident there and these are the subject of separate files.

#### **Allegations**

1 NL 57 , DOB

NL 57 a resident was Nazareth Lodge Children's Home Belfast from When interviewed on 22.1.96 she stated that she had been assaulted a number times within the home by SR 62 for smoking and not doing duties.

further stated that when she asked NL 57 why she, She was in the home, she was told by Sister SR 62 that she wasn't wanted by her mother, that she was a 'drunken whore'. She alleges that on occasion she was smoking in one of the staff bathrooms when she was discovered SR 62 by Sister lashed her out punching her on the eye and mouth. Her lip was cut and it started to bleed.

NL 57 's following day eye had blackened and she had a cut to her lip. SR 62 observed NL 57 's injuries, she told her if she knew for her she should say good NL 57 states that she she fell. the children within the none of home had happened to her and that None what the staff asked her how she got her of NL 57 did not receive injuries. any medical attention for her injuries. (Part II, pages 1-2 refer).

I certify that all witness statements taken by police in connection with this investigation are included in this file.

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