

PRIVATE

HIA REF: 503

Witness Name: HIA 503

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 503

I, HIA 503, will say as follows:-

Personal Details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] and lived with my family in [REDACTED]. I have 14 siblings. [REDACTED] I am the youngest daughter but the third youngest in the family.

Carnview, Newtownabbey (1990 – 1991)

2. When I was ten years old I did not want to be at home as my father was in prison and my mother was not coping very well looking after us. Two of my sisters had ran away from home and had been put in care. I asked my mother and the court could I be put in care as I wanted to be with my sisters. I was placed in Carnview along with my two younger brothers.
3. When I arrived at Carnview I had not seen my sisters in over a year. I was very excited to see them. I became hyper and had to be restrained. A staff member, [REDACTED], grabbed and tossed me to the ground. While being restrained her pen stabbed my cheek.
4. Shortly afterwards I was separated from my sisters and sent to foster care. I never had the chance to meet the foster family before going to live with them. I

HIA 503

PRIVATE

1

PRIVATE

missed my sisters but my social worker told me they were a bad influence on me and I could not see them. I rebelled and the foster placement broke down, which resulted in being sent to ██████████ Children's Home. I have no complaints about my foster family, they never mistreated me.

██████████ Childrens Home, ██████████ (1991 – 1994)

5. When I was eleven years old I was sent to ██████████. My time there can only be described as constant abuse. ██████████ was in charge of the home. She constantly told me that my mother didn't want me and that my family did not love me. She would call me names such as 'Tart' and 'you nasty piece of work'. When my mother would come to visit me, ██████████ would tell us that she only came for free food. This insulted my mother and she did not want to come back to visit after being told this. Although ██████████ told me that it was because of me that my mother did not visit.
6. I was close to my brothers at ██████████ and staff would use this against me by threatening to move my brothers to another care home. During my time in ██████████ I saw my sisters on one occasion.
7. A member of staff called ██████████ had taken my sister and I out in her car, I cannot recall for what reason. It was around Christmas and we were in the general area of my mother's house. I had wanted to visit my mother. ██████████ would not take me and I became upset. ██████████ slapped me across the face and I jumped out of the car and ran away. I ran to a friend's house who took me to see my mother. ██████████ arrived at my mother's house and took me back to ██████████.
8. Staff restrained me when I misbehaved in ██████████. When ██████████ restrained me she would dig her nails into me. ██████████, another member of staff, was also aggressive and heavy handed when restraining me. On one occasion I was restrained on the stairs by three carers. Whilst being

PRIVATE

restrained my trousers were pulled half way down exposing my bottom. I was yelling and in pain but they would not release me.

9. When I was restrained, I would be pinned to the floor with my face being squashed against the floor and my arms put up my back and my legs held. I do not believe the staff were trained properly in restraining as I was always left hurt. I still do not like anybody touching me. This period in my life has had a lasting effect on me.
10. In [REDACTED] I was bullied by the other residents. They would leave me out of activities and ignore me. The staff knew about this but nothing was done to protect me. When I cried for my mother, staff did not comfort me or offer reassurance.
11. I had no one to turn to so I began to sniff lighter fluid to ease my pain. This resulted in being suspended from school and I had to sit in my room all day. I was not allowed out of my room and became very unhappy. Any privileges I had were taken away from me such as pocket money and I would have been followed everywhere by staff. I began having nightmares. Staff insisted there was nothing wrong. I also had no one to talk to about my experiences. If I reported that staff members were rough with me I would be told 'go along with yourself'. Staff members were required to complete a daily log of relevant events. Staff would often falsify these records.
12. During my time at [REDACTED] I was sent to a child Psychiatrist on numerous occasions.
13. I finally ran away from [REDACTED] as I was frightened. I went to my sister's house in [REDACTED]. The police arrived and took me to Rathgael. I spent approximately 3 years in [REDACTED].

PRIVATE

Rathgael (1994)

14. Initially I was sent to Rathgael for 15 weeks assessment. My older sister HIA 389 was also a resident there although I was not allowed to see her as staff believed she was a bad influence on me.
15. In my room at Rathgael there was no handle on the inside of my door which was locked at night. There was a glass window in the door and staff would peer through this at night when I was in bed. We had buzzers in our room that we had to ring for staff to accompany us to the bathroom. I have always suffered from a weak bladder and would have to urinate frequently. When I would press the buzzer, staff would ignore it and I would have had to urinate in a container and dispose of the contents out the window.
16. In place of a mattress I had a blue gymnastic mat. I had no bed sheet to cover the mat. I had one thin blanket and a pillow. During the winter months I was very cold.
17. The window in my room could only be opened a small amount and during the summer the air was stifling which meant it was difficult to sleep.
18. There was no choice during meal times. I am a vegetarian, although I was provided with a vegetarian meal I was never given a choice of vegetarian meals. I was given the same vegetarian pastry dish every day. Also water was only available to me during meal times.
19. When bathing in Rathgael I had to keep the bathroom door open. Both male and female staff members would have stood at the door. I found this lack of privacy disgraceful and degrading.
20. I was sent to Chapel every morning. This I could not understand as I am not a Catholic. I never felt comfortable with this.

PRIVATE

21. **RG 2**, a member of staff was very heavy handed. He was verbally abusive to me, he would shout and swear at me, calling me names like 'bitch' and would threaten me by saying 'I am your worst nightmare'.
22. On one occasion I was restrained by a member of staff called **RG 3**, who was ex-military. He put my arm right up my back and pressed on a pressure point on my thumb which paralysed me with pain.
23. On another occasion I did not get out of the swimming pool with other residents. I had just been in the pool a short time when a staff member, that I believe was called **RG 232**, took me out of the pool using a large hook and sat on me. I would estimate him to be 18 stone weight. My face was pushed against the tiles I screamed for help but no one assisted me nor did he stop. Another staff member called **RG 5** was also present and did nothing to help me.
24. A punishment at Rathgael was to be sent to the Shamrock room. The room was approximately four foot square. This room was empty and had a very rough carpet. Punishment was to be locked in there for 72 hours in solitary confinement. When I was put in the Shamrock room I would pull at my hair through boredom.
25. **RG 5** was responsible for giving us cigarettes. If I was in any trouble, **RG 5** would cut the cigarettes to make them shorter. At times the cigarettes would have been shortened to an inch long. This was another method staff used to control us, in reality this led to tensions between the residents.
26. During the evenings we were not allowed to select a particular television programme to view. We had to watch the staff's choice of programme.
27. There was a pool room at Rathgael. We were not allowed to use this facility unless accompanied by a member of staff. In practice this happened quite infrequently.

PRIVATE

28. In Rathgael I felt the standard of nursing care was inadequate. There were Matrons at Rathgael who provided medical support. For example when I was ill I would be examined however I would not be told what the issue or the treatment was nor was I given any reassurance or comfort.
29. Whilst in Rathgael my brother, [REDACTED] was gravely ill. None of the staff members told me. My sister who was a resident in the care side of Rathgael came and told me. Staff would not allow me to visit him in hospital.
30. During the entire time I spent in care in Rathgael I was bullied by three other residents.

[REDACTED] Care Home (1994)

31. After spending 15 weeks being assessed in Rathgael I was sent back to [REDACTED] on a trial basis. I had a pending court case, the outcome of which was a training order to Rathgael.

Rathgael (1994 – 1997)

32. During my time in Rathgael under the training order I was still not allowed to see my sister who was now a resident in the care side of the centre. A glass door separated us. My sister and I would run away in order to speak to each other.
33. On one occasion my brother came to visit me at Rathgael. Staff would not allow him to see me and said he needed an appointment. He had brought me a television for my room. Staff did not allow me to have it.
34. When my training order expired I was moved back to the care side in Rathgael. During this time I recall another female resident hit me on my eye. I had to be taken to hospital with concussion and a black eye. Staff mocked me and commented that the other resident 'had a great right hand'. On my return from hospital staff did not separate me from this particular resident who continued to bully me.

PRIVATE

35. I approached another staff member, [RG 6] to let him know of issues I was having and I was told to 'grow up and sort myself out'.
36. During my time under the training order I was in complete lock up.
37. When I had completed the training order in Rathgael I was placed under a care order to remain in Rathgael. I was placed in Unit 1 Downhill. This is an open unit. I had a Key Worker who was seldom on duty. When they were working I found they had limited time to listen to me. When I did get a chance to speak to them and tell them I was being bullied by the other residents and staff I was told that it was all in my head.
38. I had one brother whom I was very close to while I was in Rathgael. I would speak to him on the telephone. A staff member told me that our conversations were not appropriate. This resulted in me pushing him away and rejecting contact with him. I believe this was a deliberate tactic to alienate me from my family.
39. Once during the summer months I was on a bus trip and there was a female member of staff call [RG 7] I cannot recall her surname. I broke wind and she ordered me off the bus. I was barred from any bus trips for two weeks.
40. Whilst at school in Rathgael I would have been given tasks more suitable to primary school education. My education consisted of colouring in pictures. I was not taught anything of value and I left there without any qualifications. Consequently I have poor communication, numeracy and life skills.
41. I was placed on work experience for 15 weeks in the kitchens. I made sandwiches for the entire 15 weeks. I never gained any work experience with the exception of how to butter bread. When the kitchen staff would leave to take their breaks they would have locked me in the kitchen on my own.

PRIVATE

42. There was a plot of ground at Rathgael to the back of our unit. It was approximately 13 foot square and overgrown with grass and brambles. We asked staff if we could use the lawnmower to cut the grass. Instead we had to use paper scissors. We had to cut the grass and brambles with scissors in order to have an area to play sports. This took us around 4 days during which the staff joked and laughed at us.
43. When I had my period, staff did not supply tampons. I was given sanitary towels therefore I could not go swimming. I got bullied for this by the other residents.
44. I also had to be taken to hospital due to being restrained by staff. On one occasion my wrists were very painful. At hospital I had to have splints applied to my wrists.
45. I was usually taken to Newtownards Hospital when I sustained injuries as a consequence of being physically restrained. Hospital staff asked how I sustained the injuries. I told them while being restrained, but they never asked who in particular caused the injuries.
46. On another occasion when being restrained I twisted the muscles in my back and found it difficult to walk for several weeks. The Matron rubbed my back with a cream to relieve the pain.
47. If I had of been restrained during the night I would be in my night clothes. Staff would drag me, each holding a leg and an arm, my under pants would be visible and my breasts would be on display.
48. I was never offered counselling during my time at Rathgael.

Life After Care

49. I still suffer pain in my knees as a consequence of being continuously restrained and slammed against the ground whilst in care. I have a fear of being locked in

PRIVATE

- a room and consequently have to sleep with my bedroom door open and take a bath with the bathroom door open.
50. When I left Rathgael at sixteen I was sent to live with my brother and his wife in [REDACTED]. I did not get along with his wife and after two weeks I left. I telephoned Rathgael and told them I had nowhere to go and could not get a job. I had no skills or qualifications. The Simon Community could not help me until I was seventeen and I was not entitled to receive benefits. Staff at Rathgael told me that I was not their problem any longer. I did not receive any aftercare from Rathgael.
51. I roamed from different family members homes for a few nights at a time until I reached seventeen years of age. At seventeen I entered the Simon Community in [REDACTED]. I was very frightened whilst staying there as a lot of the residents were convicted criminals and addicts. When I contacted Social Services I was told me I was no longer their responsibility.
52. When I turned eighteen my sister and I acquired a flat together. I met my future husband. We eventually married and have 2 children.
53. I have difficulty maintaining normal family relationships. For example, I find it impossible to hug family members because when I was in Care staff persistently criticised me when I displayed any affection towards my siblings.
54. Recently I have begun to see my mother again and enjoy a good relationship with her. This took a lot of time and I found difficult as throughout my life in care I was continuously told my mother did not love me and did not want me. This has had a big effect on me. I had requested my social services records to try to piece together and understand what happened in my life.
55. I have found it very difficult to gain employment because of my poor education. Although I recently started my first job, it is not many hours but I believe it is a start.

PRIVATE

56. I have been diagnosed with obsessive compulsive disorder and have sought treatment for this.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed **HIA 503** _____

Dated 22.4.2015

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

**RESPONSE BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
WITNESS STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] HIA 503 [REDACTED] (HIA 503)**

I, Karen Pearson, have been authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Department of Justice. I am the Deputy Director for Criminal Justice Policy, a senior civil servant in the Department. The information contained in this statement is based on a review of files undertaken by staff under my supervision.

The Department of Justice will say as follows:

1. Records for [REDACTED] HIA 503 [REDACTED] (married name [REDACTED] HIA 503), HIA 503, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was admitted to Rathgael Training School on 2 September 1993 (see Exhibit 1), on 8 December 1993 (see Exhibit 2) and on 31 January 1996 (she was committed on 28 February 1996) (see Exhibit 3).
2. A Warrant of Commitment to a Remand Home: Adjourment Order was made on 29 October 1993 (see Exhibit 4) and an Authority to Remove to a Place of Safety Order was made on 8 December 1993 (see Exhibit 5). Interim Orders to a Place of Safety were made for HIA 503 to be detained until 14 February 1994 and 14 March 1994 (see Exhibits 6 and 7 respectively). An Authority to Remove to a Place of Safety was made on 31 January 1996 (see Exhibit 8) and a Training School Order: Care, Protection and Control was made on 28 February 1996 (see Exhibit 9).
3. The initial Case Conference Report dated 14 December 1993 can be found at Exhibit 10 and the final Case Conference Report dated 8 September 1997 can be found at Exhibit 11.

4. HIA 503 had a history of abscondment for example there were five incidents during the period 16 – 30 December 1996 (see Exhibit 12). She was also involved in numerous incidents for example during the period 23 December 1993 – 23 February 1996 there were nine (see Exhibit 13). A note of HIA 503's aftercare arrangements can be found at Exhibit 14 and her medical records at Exhibit 15. Said history can be found at Exhibit 16.
5. The Department, to the best of its knowledge, has supplied all relevant information that it could find in its possession in relation to HIA 503. If additional relevant information is discovered by the Department, it will be drawn to the attention of the Inquiry immediately. If additional information is discovered by the Department, it will be drawn to the attention of the Inquiry immediately.
6. The Department has not received a civil claim in respect of HIA 503.
7. The Department has not received a request for disclosure of personal data (Form 81) from PSNI.
8. The Department notes the allegations of physical abuse at paragraphs 42 and 44 – 47 of the statement made by HIA 503. To the best of the Department's knowledge and belief, the Department had no knowledge or record of such complaints prior to the receipt of HIA 502's statement to the Inquiry.
9. The Department condemns without reservation any act of abuse which may have been perpetrated against any individual at Rathgael School. Those who were placed in that facility had every right to expect that they would be cared for with dignity and respect, treated compassionately and protected from abuse. Those who operated the Rathgael facility on a day to day basis, or who were responsible for its management, ought to have been fully aware of the high standards expected of them when caring for young people. They should have known that acts of physical, sexual or emotional

abuse were unacceptable. They ought to have known that allegations of abuse, where they were raised, should have been reported to the appropriate authorities. The Department accepts that the evidence available to the Inquiry suggests that these standards were not always complied with in every case. The Department regrets any abuse which did occur and condemns the perpetrators of any such abuse as well as those who may have ignored the abuse or tolerated its occurrence.

Statement of Truth

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

Kamen

Date: 07 September 2015

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

**SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
WITNESS STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] HIA 503 (HIA 503)**

I, Karen Pearson, have been authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Department of Justice. I am the Deputy Director for Criminal Justice Policy, a senior civil servant in the Department. The information contained in this statement is based on a review of files undertaken by staff under my supervision.

The Department of Justice will say as follows:

1. The Department has submitted a separate statement relating to HIA 503's allegations about her time in Rathgael Training School (see RGL-869 – RGL-928).
2. The Department notes HIA 503's comments at paragraph 20 of her statement to the Inquiry. A 1987 SSI Inspection Report referred to "a modern chapel" (RGL-23645) and noted that the nautical terminology was retained in recognition of the earlier history of industrial schools (RGL-23630). A fuller explanation of the history is contained in the introduction to "The Roots of Rathgael" (RGL-22202). HIA's 503 recollection of being sent to Chapel every morning is more likely to be a reference to attending school assembly (RGL-23720) which was held in the Chapel, which was a non-denominational building (RGL-46550).
3. HIA 503 at paragraph 28 of her statement to the Inquiry comments that the standard of nursing care was inadequate. A 1992 SSI Inspection Report noted that there were regular medical and dental checks carried out together with a programme of health education (RGL-23819). A note of HIA's medical history is recorded in her pupil file (RGL-46897 to RGL-46912) together with a nursing record (RGL-46970-46983).

4. The Department notes HIA 503's comments at paragraph 37 of her statement to the Inquiry. Records show a record of Case Reviews carried out in 1996 and 1997 (RGL-46514 to RGL-46596).
5. The Department notes HIA 503's comments regarding the education opportunities available to her at paragraph 40 of her statement to the Inquiry. A report on HIA's educational progress is contained in the pupil file record (RGL-46525 to 46527).
6. The Department notes HIA 503's comments at paragraph 41 of her statement to the Inquiry in respect of work experience. Records show that this was recorded on the Weekly Records Sheets (RGL-46749 to 46763).
7. The Department, to the best of its knowledge, has supplied all relevant information that it could find in its possession in relation to HIA 503. If additional relevant information is discovered by the Department, it will be drawn to the attention of the Inquiry immediately.

Statement of Truth

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

Kamen

Date: 13 October 2015

HIA REF: [503]

NAME: **HIA 503**

Response by HSCB

DATE: [25 August 2015]

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of the Health and Social Care Board

Marian Hall, Children's Services Project Manager, assisted in the drafting of this statement.

The Health and Social Care Board will say as follows: -

1. **HIA 503** born **HIA 503** 1980, was initially admitted to Rathgael on 29 October 1993 where she was placed on remand due to her involvement with criminal activity, see **Exhibit 1**. She remained there until 24 November 1993 when she was discharged to Prince's Gardens Children's Home, Larne, under a Fit Persons Order, see **Exhibit 1** above. On 8 December 1993, she was removed to Rathgael on a Place of Safety Order and she remained there under two more Interim Orders until 2 March 1994 when she was returned again to the Prince's Gardens Children's Home. The Applicant resided there until 31 January 1996 when a further Place of Safety Order was taken and she was removed to Rathgael. A Training School Order was granted on 20 February 1996, see **Exhibit 1** above.
2. In paragraph 2 of her statement, the Applicant details the circumstances under which she was admitted to care. **Exhibit 2** contains a Court Report of 11 November 1991 and details that the family were initially referred to Social Services in October 1990 by the Vice Principal of Ballyclare Secondary School owing to attendance issues. The Applicant's Father was in prison owing to a violent affray outside the family home and further issues were identified after the referral including child care, supervision, control and

hygiene although Social Services were continually refused access to the home. The Applicant's two elder sisters, HIA 386 and HIA 389, both requested to be admitted to care owing to neglect in the home on 7 June 1991. They were subsequently placed in Carnview Children's Home. **Exhibit 2** details that from July to October 1991 there was a significant deterioration in family circumstances and the RUC were involved or contacted on 31 occasions. Social Services subsequently brought an application for a Fit Persons Order on 14 October 1991. Although the matter was adjourned, the Applicant refused to return home and so was taken into care and placed in Carnview Children's Home on the same date.

3. Exhibit 2 details that the Applicant became subject to a Fit Persons Order on 11 November 1991 and was placed in foster care with [REDACTED]. Records in the possession of the Board note that the Applicant was removed from Carnview into foster care due to her age and because her behaviour and that of her siblings, once placed together, became difficult to handle, see **Exhibit 3**. Initially, it appears the Applicant settled well in her foster home, however she soon wished to return to Carnview and exhibited behavioural issues as a means of achieving this. As the placement had irreparably broken down, Social Services placed the Applicant in Prince's Gardens Children's Home on 30 December 1991, see **Exhibit 1** above. The Board notes paragraph 4 where the Applicant states she has no complaints regarding her foster family.
4. The Board notes the allegations made in paragraphs 5 to 13 of the Applicant's statement. There are limited records in the possession of the Board in relation to the Applicant's time in Prince's Gardens however the Board does not believe that staff would have falsified records. The Board notes **Exhibit 3** which details that the Applicant's mother would have visited her in Prince's Garden's once every fortnight. The Board further notes a case summary completed whilst the Applicant was in Rathgael, see **Exhibit 4**, which recorded that the Applicant wished to return to Prince's Gardens and viewed it like 'a second home'.

5. In paragraph 9 of her statement the Applicant makes reference to issues of restraint by staff. The Board is aware that undertaking appropriate methods of restraint was an on-going challenge for residential staff and various types of training was provided over the years to try and assist with this. Such restraint is only likely to have been undertaken in order to avoid the individual child harming themselves or others or potentially causing undue damage to property. The Board believes that staff would have attempted to take all possible steps to not cause any harm to children when they felt they had to restrain them.
6. The Applicant was initially placed in Rathgael on remand for theft and deception on 29 October 1993, see **Exhibit 1** above. She remained there until 24 November 1993 when she was returned to Prince's Gardens. The Applicant then remained there until 8 December 1993 when she was removed to Rathgael on a Place of Safety Order owing to being beyond the control of staff. Two Interim Orders were granted on 10 January 1994 and 14 February 1994 and the Applicant remained in Rathgael until 2 March 1994 when, as recorded in the review report of December 1996, see **Exhibit 5**, she had made enough progress to return to Prince's Gardens. She resided there until 31 January 1996 when she was returned to Rathgael on a Place of Safety Order, see **Exhibit 1** above.
7. **Exhibit 6** details that the Applicant was removed to Rathgael once more owing to persistent absconding from Prince's Gardens, keeping inappropriate company, putting herself in moral and physical danger and exhibiting challenging behaviour whilst in the Home. **Exhibit 6** further records that a Training School Order was then granted on 20 February 1996. The Board notes that initially the aim was to return the Applicant to Prince's Gardens however owing to behavioural difficulties in Rathgael this was not possible. The report also records that it was the opinion of Rathgael staff that despite attempts to help her, the Applicant had exhausted the care system and that they had nothing further to offer her.

8. The Applicant became the subject of a Deemed Care Order on 4 November 1996, as detailed in **Exhibit 6**. She was discharged from care in or about February 1998, see **Exhibit 7**. The Board notes **Exhibit 7** refers to **RG 239** **RG 239** ceasing to visit the Applicant which would suggest that up until that point, he had been in contact with the Applicant. The Board further notes that **RG 239** offered the Applicant guidance and support should she ever require it.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

Roger Hall

Dated 25 August 2015

FILE
COPY

NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD
Loughside Unit of Management

REPORT FOR CASE CONFERENCE

AT

RATHGAEL CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

14TH DECEMBER 1993

RE: **HIA 503**
C/O RATHGAEL CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

HOME ADDRESS: **[REDACTED]**
LEGAL STATUS: SUBJECT OF FIT PERSON ORDER GRANTED ON 11.11.1991.
PLACE OF SAFETY ORDER TAKEN ON 08.12.1993

FAMILY COMPOSTION:

NAME:	RELATIONSHIP:	DOB/AGE	EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL/OTHER:
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED]	unemployed
[REDACTED]	Sister	-	unemployed
[REDACTED]	Sister	-	Living independently
[REDACTED]	Brother	Over 18 yrs	Living independently
[REDACTED]	Brother	Over 18 yrs.	Lives at home
[REDACTED]	Sister	Over 18 yrs.	Lives at home
[REDACTED]	Sister	Over 18 yrs.	Lives with relatives
[REDACTED]	Brother	Over 18 yrs.	Lives at home
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	Lives at home
HIA 389	Sister	[REDACTED]	Hydebank Young Offenders Centre
HIA 386	Sister	[REDACTED]	Rathgael/Training School Order
HIA 503	SUBJECT	[REDACTED]	Carnview Children's Home Ballyclare Secondary
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	Rathgael Centre for Children and Young people
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	Princes Gardens Childrens Home
[REDACTED]	Brother	[REDACTED]	Princes Gardens Childrens Home.

-2-

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

HIA 503

is currently in res. care

REASON FOR REFERRAL

Beyond control of staff in Prison's Gate

HIA 503

has been presenting behavioral difficulties for quite a considerable period. She has been resident in Prison's Gardens since Dec '91. Recently she spent a period in Y.T. Dept + subsequently received a conditional discharge. A full report is attached which gives details of family background + this also outlines the behavioral problems.

HIA 503

was described by SSW as currently 'doing her own thing'. She is disruptive in the unit, has persistently absconded from the unit, is verbally + physically abusive to staff + refuses generally to comply with unit rules.

Father has recently been released from prison on parole + is living in the family home. Mother has acquired other accommodation in [REDACTED]. I understand neither

parent is offering care to HIA 503 at the present time.

The Care Plan was to eventually place HIA 503 with either parent.

ADMISSION DATE

8th December 1993.

WHITE HOUSE

WEEKLY RECORD SHEET

Date:- ^{W/E} 15/12/93

Status:- POS

Name:- **HIA 503**

9/12/93	HIA 503 admitted to the Centre this afternoon - no adverse reaction to being here.
11/12/93	HIA 503 starting to display previous attitudes and behaviours from Children's Home. Segregating/teasing youngsters - feels that she is being followed about. Settled during the evening.
10/12/93	Staff have noted HIA 503 coming under pressure from two female residents within the group. Pushed limits with staff (pm) removed to bedroom for her unacceptable attitude and behaviour in unit. Physically removed to bedless Bic room removed from her room also. More compliant towards bedtime.
11/12/93	Now compliant with staff early afternoon. Spent time out for attitude and behaviour. More settled but spoken to by staff for verbal aggression and temper outburst.
12/12/93	Received visit from Helen's sister, but cheeky and non compliant - 10 mins time out required this. More settled pattern of behaviour.
13/12/93	Well behaved and good form. HIA 503 overall and behaviour appear to be more settled in comparison to Children's Home.

INITIAL CASE CONFERENCE HELD IN RATHGAEL ON 14 DECEMBER, 1993**HIA 503**AGE: 13 YearsADMISSION DATE: 08.12.93PRESENT:**RG 271**

- Residential Social Worker, Prince's Gardens Children's Home

RG 233

- Field Social Worker, Carnmoney Road

RG 41

- Assistant Head of Care, Rathgael (Chairperson)

RG 234

- Residential Social Worker / Keyworker, Rathgael

APOLOGIES:**RG 211**

- Senior Social Worker, Carnmoney Road

- Intake Social Worker, Rathgael

- Keyworker, Prince's Gardens Children's Home

A comprehensive report was furnished by Field Social Worker - **RG 233** This was made reference to during the course of this Case Conference.

Events leading to Admission to Prince's Gardens Children's Home**RG 41**

RG 41 opened the Case Conference making reference to the comprehensive report which included a sequential history of **HIA 503** behaviour whilst at Prince's Gardens. **RG 41** invited **RG 271** to provide information.

She advised that **HIA 503** had returned to Prince's Gardens on 24 November, 1993 having been in Rathgael Centre - House 5 on remand. Following a medical for 'freedom from infection', the G.P. queried if **HIA 503** had 'sniffing', prior to the appointment. The following day **HIA 503** had been difficult in her de meana with **HIA 503** Headmaster who refused to enrol her in School due to her attitude / behaviour.

That weekend in Prince's Gardens, **HIA 503** was most disruptive, broke windows and abused solvent, absconded from the unit early morning and returned later the same evening, barricaded herself in bedroom, smashed bedroom window, aggressive and abusive toward staff.

RG 41 queried the extent of aggression displayed. **RG 271** confirmed that **HIA 503** aggressive behaviour was directed toward staff, she would scratch and kick out at staff, as well as being non-compliant overall.

HIA 503 it was reported, had been absconding to her sister's home. **RG 41** requested a possible explanation for this behaviour. It was felt that it was related to

RG 271 felt behaviour was related to other residents (who are presently now in Rathgael) - **RG 249** and [REDACTED] with the effect that **HIA 503** will merge and mirror their general attitudes and behaviours within Prince's Gardens.

RG 41 asked if there had been any triggers in the family around six months ago which would have promoted the change in behaviour.

RG 233 felt that it may be connected to frustration, as **HIA 503** mum had made the false promise to take her home - this inconsistency linked to her dad's parole and release might have lead to her acting out behaviours.

The situation / scenario while [REDACTED] was at home indicated that she was a weak ineffectual character which resulted in the older children caring for the younger ones. [REDACTED] had elected not to take the children and discussion focused on how she would prefer for her children not to place 'demands' on her. The older children home on occasion assaulted their mother, several of these it is felt had been most serious.

Visits from older sister [REDACTED] to **HIA 386** 'stirred' her to be disruptive in the Children's Home. **RG 41** queried the level of co-operation given. **RG 233** confirmed that some undermining can take place.

RG 41 looked through the amount of 'sexual' issues around for both **HIA 389** and **HIA 386** and the suggestion of possible abuse - given the level of blurred role boundaries as previously indicated during this Conference.

RG 233 and **RG 271** advised that the family was known in the [REDACTED] area and were quite notorious in their reputation to the general public and government agencies alike.

RG 41 asked **RG 234** to feedback on **HIA 503** behaviour since admission to Rathgael, he advised that it had been most necessary to establish physical control of **HIA 503** as she was most physically and verbally aggressive toward staff, being most non-compliant to the simplest of requests.

The group then further explored possible options and focused of **HIA 503** placement in Rathgael:-

1. Option to Return **HIA 503** to Prince's Gardens

The clear expectation and the most important factor which determined this was her behaviour. Basic control is required, she may be able to internalise this and remove herself from conflict situations / reactions and become more acceptable in her behaviour through this.

THE KENNEDY CENTRE
for

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ABSCONDING / INCIDENT

REPORT FORM

HIA 389

HIA 503

NAME [REDACTED] HIA 237

HOUSE UNIT Whitechapel

DATE 23/12/93

TIME 10.30 - 11.53 PM

REPORTED BY [REDACTED]

STAFF INVOLVED [REDACTED]

ABSCONDED FROM N/A

LEAD UP TO INCIDENT The above mentioned + [REDACTED] all decided to barricade in RG 249 room. The above consider that they have little to lose by taking ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT this action. All those involved were verbally abusive to staff and using very sexualised language to each other. After much staff time/attention they agreed to come out & go to bed.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN At 11.00 PM h informed - We decided to allow them to tire of their excitement. ON ABSCONDING Staff observed discreetly.

	TIME
POLICE NOTIFIED BY	
NAME OF RUC OFFICER	→ NB PLEASE REFER TO HIA 389
PARENTS	[REDACTED]
SOCIAL WORKER	FILE FOR INCIDENT REPORT FOR 21/12/93 ←
SEN STAFF	
OTHERS	

THE RATHGAEL CENTRE
for

~~ABSCONDING~~ / INCIDENT
REPORT FORM

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

NAME **HIA 503** HOUSE UNIT 9.

DATE 3/1/98 TIME 7:30pm

REPORTED BY **RG 255** STAFF INVOLVED **RG 255** **RG 234**

ABSCONDED FROM

LEAD UP TO INCIDENT Piece of glass thrown to **HIA 389**

RG 227 presence. **RG 255** was requested to check for more glass & try to retrieve pane.

ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT

HIA 503 brought into interview room & asked to hand over any glass. She immediately placed fragments of glass in her mouth. **RG 255** remained in the room but made no physical attempt to get glass. **HIA 503** eventually handed over glass after approx 10 minutes.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

ON ABSCONDING

	TIME
POLICE NOTIFIED BY	
NAME OF RUC OFFICER	
PARENTS	
SOCIAL WORKER	
SEN STAFF	
OTHERS	

THE RATHGAEL CENTRE
for
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

ABSCONDING / INCIDENT
REPORT FORM

NAME **HIA 503** HOUSE UNIT Whiteabbey
DATE 4/1/94 TIME 12:30 PM
REPORTED BY **RG 227** STAFF INVOLVED **RG 227**

ABSCONDED FROM

LEAD UP TO INCIDENT **HIA 503** had been continually asked to stay in House 9 unit. She was refusing to return to unit.

ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT **RG 227** requested her return to common room. **HIA 503** made as if she was going to walk down but turned to turn down corridor. **RG 227** asked her to come with her into the Interview Room where **HIA 503** jumped up onto the desk. **RG 227** managed to get her to jump down, where was **HIA 503** hit back at **RG 227**. **RG 227** got behind **HIA 503** and attempted to restrain her. **HIA 503** threw but **RG 227** on right arm and scratched at left hand. During the incident Karen felt around the wall.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN **RG 236** assisted **RG 227** and talked to **HIA 503** about incident.

ON ABSCONDING

TIME

POLICE NOTIFIED BY	
NAME OF RUC OFFICER	
PARENTS	
SOCIAL WORKER	
SEN STAFF	
OTHERS	

Appendix C:

List of Representatives of Parties

Hugh Howard of Messrs. Howard and Tain acted as solicitor to the Inquiry

Party	Representative
[REDACTED] }	Margaret Ilsley of Messrs. Hand Morgan and Owen
[REDACTED]	David Kidney of Messrs. Wainwrights
[REDACTED]	Neil Robinson of Messrs. Nowell Meller and Nowell
[REDACTED]	John Allen of NALGO
[REDACTED] }	John Trotter of Messrs. Bates Wells and Braithwaite
[REDACTED]	Patricia McManus of Messrs. Ollier, Jones, McManus
Some Wards of Court	Michael Nicholls, solicitor in the Official Solicitor's Department

THE RATHGAEL CENTRE
for
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**ABSCONDING / INCIDENT
REPORT FORM**

NAME **HIA 503** HOUSE UNIT 9
 DATE 31 / 1 / 94 TIME 8:30 PM
 REPORTED BY **RG 227** STAFF INVOLVED **RG 227** [redacted] [redacted]

ABSCONDED FROM.....

LEAD UP TO INCIDENT **HIA 503** was very unsettled as **HIA 389** was

moving to House 3. As the evening wore on both girls became more agitated, pushing limits and being un-co-operative.

ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT **HIA 389** kicked in glass door, while **HIA 503**

kicked at doors and on being asked to return to the unit punched out and kicked staff. She became hysterical

and was removed into the interview room where she kicked **RG 227** full in the stomach and bit her right hand.

HIA 503 was calmed down by staff and was extremely upset when **HIA 503** went to House 3 at 9 PM.

.....

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN **HIA 503** removed to interview room [redacted] informed.

ON ABSCONDING TIME

POLICE NOTIFIED BY	
NAME OF RUC OFFICER	
PARENTS	
SOCIAL WORKER	
SEN STAFF	
OTHERS	

NORTH-EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD

L.S. POLLEY, M.Sc., B.Ed., D.A.S.E.
Telephone: Larne(0574)272159



LARNE HIGH SCHOOL,
20 SALLAGH PARK,
LARNE. BT40 1NT

Ref SP/SI

8 March 1994

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

I write to inform you that I have suspended [REDACTED] HIA 503
[REDACTED] HIA 503 from this school for a period of five days from
Wednesday 9 March 1994 following repeated instances of
unacceptable behaviour. I would also inform you that I am
seeking the immediate assistance of the Board in determining
a more appropriate educational programme for [REDACTED] HIA 503. The
school has neither the resources or ability to cope with her
continual misbehaviour.

I shall write to you in the near future in relation to
any further developments.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Principal

[REDACTED]

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
ARDS HOSPITAL

Date & Time Registered 18/11/16 10:34		CHI No.	A & E No. 372269			
Type of Incident	Referral	Surname	Sex			
	A	HIA 503	F			
Next of Kin	Forenames	Date of Birth				
	HIA 503	[REDACTED]				
G.P.	Address					
Dr. McCarthy	Rathgael Cottages Dangan					
	Telephone No.	Postcode	Mar. St.			
	[REDACTED]					
TRIAGE	T	P	BP	RR	Urine	
	Presenting Symptoms:				PRIORITY	
	No slip on ice injury to Rt wrist				Routine	
					Soon	
Allergies				Seen by Dr.	At Time	
				[Signature]	10:30	
HISTORY/EXAMINATION						
Hurt @ arm when fell.						
C/o of a painful @ wrist						
O/S No swelling						
Tender distal radius & ulna						
No tenderness PSB						
Tender over distal radius but no swelling						
Allens point no bony tenderness						
TETANUS						
Course						
Booster						
X-RAY REQUEST						
Wrist/hand of Rt wrist						
INVESTIGATIONS						
DIAGNOSIS						
TREATMENT						
Futura Splint						
Dr. Signature [Signature]						
TIME						
FINAL PLACEMENT						
Admit Ards Ward						
Transfer						
A/E Review days						
Refer OPD						
Refer GP						
Discharge						
DNW/Refuse RX						
Drug	Time	Route	Dose	Dr. Init.	Given by	Nurse Advice/Comments:
Analgesia at home						Written Advice Note Yes/No
						Transport: Amb. Taxi Car
						Accompanied
						Nurse Signature [Signature]
						TIME COMPLETE 11:00

MILLICATTON

1/97/3

NORTH DOWN & ARDS COMMUNITY HSS TRUST

FORM C.27

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT MADE BY, ABOUT OR ON BEHALF OF A CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

1. Name and address of Complainant:

HIA 503

c/o [redacted]

2. If the Complainant is a child, date of birth [redacted]

3. Date complaint was made 11.3.97

4. Nature of complaint (the Complainant may wish to put his/her complaint in writing. If so, it should be attached to this form)

HIA 503 was in class as working with the teacher [redacted] when she became abusive towards him. Another attempt was made by the teacher to engage her in school work. HIA 503 refused again to settle, removing a paper from a folder on the teachers desk. [redacted] attempted to retrieve the paper thus making contact with HIA 503 leg/thigh. The paper was retrieved and HIA 503 ran out of class. HIA 503 went to see Mr P. Haire [redacted] to report this incident

5. I confirm that this is an accurate record of the complaint.

Signature of Complainant [redacted] Date 19/3/97

Signature of Investigating Officer RG 20 Date 19/3/97

6. If is not possible for the Complainant to sign the record, please give reasons

7. Immediate action taken by Investigating Team RG 20 spoke with HIA 503 on 14 - March 1997. She stated that she did not wish to make a complaint regarding this incident and agreed to withdraw this complaint

8. Date copy of this form was sent to the Senior Social Worker (Residential) of the home

Signature of Investigating Officer [redacted]