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THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of [REDACTED] RG 20

I, [REDACTED] RG 20 of [REDACTED] will say as follows:-

1. I have read and considered all of the Documents contained in the Index of Disclosed Material that have been served on me;
2. So far as the allegation made against me by [REDACTED] HIA 198 is concerned, I deny this emphatically. I never grabbed or touched her inappropriately;
3. So far as the allegations made against me by [REDACTED] HIA 267 are concerned, I would say that I have no recollection of this person. I did not start working in Rathgael until [REDACTED] by which time this person would have left as his Training School Order would have expired;
4. So far as the allegation made against me by [REDACTED] HIA 389 that I inappropriately restrained her sister [REDACTED] HIA 386 I deny this emphatically, and with regard to the allegation that I fondled [REDACTED] HIA 389 breasts and those of [REDACTED] RG 23 this is completely untrue. I never on any occasions touched any of the children in Rathgael inappropriately;
5. With regard to the allegations made against me by [REDACTED] HIA 429 I deny these emphatically, I was interviewed about this matter by the PSNI and as can be seen from the transcript of my interview also contained in the Index of Documents, I denied these allegations during Police interview;
6. So far as the allegation made against me by [REDACTED] RG 185 is concerned, I deny I ever locked [REDACTED] RG 185 in the Lock Up Room on any occasion unless I was instructed to do so by my Superiors and it would only have been done in accordance with regulations and to ensure her safety;
7. In so far as the allegation made against me by [REDACTED] RG 160 is concerned, I deny that I on any occasion touched or restrained her other than in accordance with accepted practice and within the regulations in force at the time;
8. In so far as the allegations made against me by [REDACTED] RG 203 are concerned, I deny these emphatically. I did not bang her or anyone else's heads together or against a wall, nor did I trail anyone upstairs by the hair. In all my dealings with [REDACTED] RG 203 I at all times acted in accordance with accepted practice and within the regulations in force at the time. These allegations were put to me during my interview with the Police and were denied as can be seen from the transcript of the interview contained in the Index of Documents;

In so far as the allegation made against me by [REDACTED] RG 176 is concerned, I deny
ocked [REDACTED] RG 176 in her room on this or any other occasion unless I was instructed
by my Superiors and it would have only have been done in accordance with regulations a
e her safety. I was questioned about this by the PSNI and denied the allegation as can be
he transcript of the interview contained in the Index of Documents;

Since these malicious and untrue allegations were first made against me some three ye
have suffered ill health through stress and I am currently unable to work. Although none
egations against me have been proved and despite the fact that I have been advised by t
Prosecution Service that there is a decision not to prosecute me in relation to any incide
en the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] I feel that my reputation as a caring Soci
er has been tarnished, and that I have no redress against the false accusations made agai
also suffer from a heart condition.

ve that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

[REDACTED] RG 20
I [REDACTED]

~
this 19th day of October 2015.

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Witness Statement of **RG 20**

I, **RG 20** of **[REDACTED]** will say as follows:-

1. I have read and considered the redacted statement of **HIA 434** that has been served on me.
2. I remember **HIA 434** as one of the many young people who lived in the unit. I remember nothing of significance regarding my contact with him.
3. I do not remember the particular incident set out in his statement. There would have been instances where young people were restrained and they were always restrained according to protocol.
4. I never punched **RG 77** in the back and I never assaulted him or any other young person in the unit.

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Signed **RG 20**

Dated this 21 day of October 2015.

INCIDENT REPORT

Date: [redacted]

Time: 6:15 pm

Reported by: [redacted]

People involved:

HIA 429

RG 252

Lead up to incident:

HIA 429

[redacted] was in the smoking room with quite a number of kids from the crib, [redacted] grabbed [redacted] hand a twisted back his fingers. [redacted] was in quite some pain and attempted to push [redacted] away by means of pushing him on the face. [redacted] retaliated by elbowing [redacted] on the 'privat' resulting in [redacted] feeling extremely sore and in great pain. Several of the other children witnessed the incident.

[redacted] and two of the girls came into the office and related this incident to me. They informed me that [redacted] had gone upstairs. I went up to the top corridor and met [redacted] who had heard the commotion. We found [redacted] in the four bed dorm. I asked [redacted] to explain his reason or version of the incident involving [redacted]. He said that [redacted] had hit him on the nose. I asked [redacted] to go to his own room on several occasions. Finally I told him that we would have to assist him into his room. [redacted] was quite

Immediate action taken:

uncooperative and made it quite clear that he would not go with our assistance. J. Scott then assisted me to remove [redacted] to his own dorm. I then contacted [redacted] and informed him of the situation. Within several minutes, several children from the crib related to me that they had seen [redacted] running away from the crib and down the back field. On inspection of Dorm 5 we found the window broken and the room empty. [redacted] in some pain after the incident.

Further action:

6:50 pm

HIA 429

seen around the grounds, and eventually turned up in Hs 1. Stolen to by [redacted] and an agreement reached that [redacted] sleeps in Hs [redacted] tonight.

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Statement of Witness

Statement of: **RG 203**

Age of Witness: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')

I declare that this statement consisting of _____ page/s, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness: **RG 203** Date: 25/1/13
Service/Staff # if police/staff

Signature witnessed by: _____
(Appropriate Adult)

Signature of Member: R Graham 17882 Date: 25/1/13
by whom statement was recorded or received Service/Staff # if police/staff

During [redacted] to [redacted], I think from March or April [redacted] I was a resident at Rathgael. I went into House [redacted] I think it was a Thursday. I was only there a couple of days and we were up on the roofs about six of us. I am not sure of the names of the others. We were up on the roofs for a couple of hours. So they got us down and one of the staff **RG 20** had me and another wee girl called [redacted] or [redacted], she was small, he banged both of our heads together and then banged both of our heads against the wall. He had us both trailing us up the stairs by the hair and he said in a cocky way that he slipped, he was a senior member of staff and he was there because of the trouble, he just banged our heads together and then against the wall at each side of the stairs. I do not remember if I had any injuries I think I told him I would get him done in by my mum. **RG 20** would have been in his late [redacted] or [redacted], he was [redacted], [redacted] with [redacted] hair, he was a [redacted] and he was in charge of Unit [redacted] when I was there. [redacted]

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Signature of witness:	RG 203
Signature witnessed by: (Appropriate Adult)	

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Continuation of Statement of: **RG 160**

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]. I have been asked by police about

RG 20. I think he had [Redacted] hair, wore glasses and [Redacted]. I can remember on

one occasion after an incident he had my arm up my back. There was another member of staff

there, she was in her late 20's, early thirties with long dark wavy hair. I can't remember her

name. I think I was being disciplined for something and I went towards the female, giving off.

RG 20 restrained me and stopped me getting to her. He put my arm up my back and frog

marched me to my room. My arm did hurt but I don't want to make a complaint. It's all history

and my memory of being in Rathgael is overall very positive. I thought all the staff were fair and

took us out on trips that I wouldn't have got at home **RG 160**.

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Signature of witness:	RG 160
Signature witnessed by: (Appropriate Adult)	