

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

BAR 2
WRITTEN STATEMENT OF

BAR 2 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on BAR 2 After a brief period as a volunteer, I was employed by

[REDACTED]

2. I have read and considered the complaints made to the Enquiry against me of sexual and physical abuse. I wish to state at the outset that I have been through a lengthy criminal trial where I was convicted of various sexual offences on the evidence of children from Macedon including the 2 children who have made these allegations to the Inquiry. During my police interviews and under oath at the trial I consistently denied all allegations and protested my innocence. I appealed against the convictions and the Court of Criminal Appeal allowed my appeal and quashed all my convictions. It was clear that the witnesses had lied and colluded against me and I am confident that this will be clear from the papers and transcripts before the Inquiry.

3. In dealing with the complaints now made against me to the Inquiry I wish to state firmly that I deny each and every one of them. I am grateful to the Inquiry for giving me the opportunity to answer them and I feel that despite the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal I should deal with them in some detail. I have set out my response below, first to the allegations of HIA 101 and then to the allegations of HIA 216

Allegations of HIA 101

4. In relation to the allegations of physical and sexual abuse made against me by HIA 101 HIA 101 deny each and every one of them.

5. HIA 101 states that he witnessed other children being abused. I never witnessed or heard of anyone being abused during my time at Macedon. I do not remember ever working on the night shift with BAR 1 I have never gone into the children's bedroom and told them ghost stories and I am not

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aware that anyone ever told the children ghost stories in their bedroom. I have never gone into the children's bedroom and took my penis out or pushed myself against any of the children. I have never asked any of the children to masturbate me and I have never shouted and roared at the children at any time as alleged by

HIA 101

The only time I visited the children's bedroom at night was in the course of my duty, for example if someone was ill or upset or if there was children being unruly.

6. HIA 101 states that people were constantly being beaten and raped in Macedon. This claim is outrageous and totally false. I never raped, beat or physically assaulted anyone nor was I ever aware that anyone else there behaved in that way. There was some physical chastisement of children by some members of staff in the form of a slap with a wooden spoon, however I have never used it, nor have I ever beat or used any corporal punishment whatsoever on any of the children.

Allegations of HIA 216

7. HIA 216 describes how on a typical day at Macedon the children would go to school in the minibus and when they came home they would do some chores, get their tea and do their homework before going to bed. This is true but slightly misleading. The chores were relatively minor such as washing the dishes and tidying their rooms etc., professional cleaners were employed and used for the main cleaning and maintenance of the Home. Furthermore the children were not detained in the Home; when they returned from school they were permitted to leave and visit friends and generally come and go as they would do if they were at their own home.
8. HIA 216 goes on to state that they never got any help with their homework or encouragement with their education. This is untrue, they received help with their homework when they requested it and they were encouraged to try and do well. The importance of education was always stressed to the children. Each child had a key worker who would help the child if they had a particular project to complete. My recollection is that HIA 216 was never interested in school work but this was not for lack of encouragement from the staff at the Home.
9. HIA 216 makes the point that there was a constant changing of staff. This is true. It was a difficult job and new members of staff often left after a short time. This disruption was clearly not in the interests of the children's welfare.
10. HIA 216 has made a number of allegations against me of sexual abuse – they are all untrue. She claims there was a spy hole in the adjoining staff bedroom where I watched her getting changed. This is a lie, there was no such spy hole. I have never watched her getting changed. I have never kissed her nor got her to masturbate me. I never raped her. Similar allegations were made by her against

me at my trial. They were replete with inconsistencies and contradictions and the result of collusion with other children; they were finally exposed as lies.

- 11 [HIA 216] states that I would take her to the home of [BAR 30]. This is a lie I have never been to the home of [BAR 30] and to this day I do not know where he lived.

- 12 [HIA 216] claims that's I was present when she was tied to a tree, this is a lie. Furthermore I did not abuse her while [BAR 3] watched nor did I have sexual intercourse with [BAR 1] while [HIA 216] watched. I have never searched for her after she was told ghost stories by [BAR 1] I am aware that [BAR 1] told ghost stories to the children at their request. All the staff knew this. I am not aware however that any member of staff chased the children and frightened them or abused them in any way.

13. In conclusion, I wish to emphasise that after I had been convicted and before my appeal hearing, one of the children wrote to his social worker outlining the extent of the collusion that had taken place among the children and stating that the allegations were lies. This evidence and corroboration of it by his sister was given by them in evidence in the Court of Appeal. It is important to stress to the Inquiry that it is against that background that [HIA 101] and [HIA 216] have repeated some of their previous allegations and have made their criticism of Macedon and the staff who worked there.

[BAR 2]

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (N.I.), 1950

VOLUNTARY CHILDREN'S HOMES

File Number	Name and Address	Managers	Age Range (Approx)	Accommodation for Children	No. in residence at			
T.162	Oleandhu Children's Hostel, Hollywood Road, Belfast.	Voluntary Committee	Years 0 - 15	40				
T.164	Nazareth Lodge, 516, Ravenhill Road, Belfast.	The Poor Sisters of Nazareth	2 - 15	145				
T.163	Nazareth House, 352, Ormeau Road, Belfast.	do.	2 - 18	145				
T.166	Dr. Bernardo's Home, Macedon, Whitehouse, Co. Antrim.	Regional Officer for Northern Ireland	2 - 18	52				
T.167	Dr. Bernardo's Home, Manor House Home, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim.	do.	0 - 7	23				
T.169	Sacred Heart Children's Home, 511, Ormeau Road, Belfast. (This also includes The Good Shepherd Girls' Home and Marianville Home for Mothers and Babies).	The Sisters of the Good Shepherd	0 - 18	33				
T.170	Nazareth House, Bishop Street, Londonderry.	The Poor Sisters of Nazareth	2 - 18	154				
T.171	Victoria Homes, Schomberg, 306, Belmont Road, Belfast.	Voluntary Committee	3 - 18	20				
T.172	St. Joseph's Home, Tarmabacca, Co. Londonderry.	The Poor Sisters of Nazareth	2 - 18	92				
T.177	Our Mother of Mercy Home, Kilmorey Street, Newry, Co. Down.	The Sisters of Mercy	0 - 18	25				
T.178	Good Shepherd Home, Dungiven Road, Londonderry.	The Sisters of the Good Shepherd	14 - 17	20 (Home mostly for girls over 18 yrs.)				
T.179	Childhaven, Millisle Road, Donaghadee, Co. Down.	Belfast Central Mission	2 - 18	30				
T.165	De La Salle Boys' Home, Rubane House, Kircubbin, Co. Down.	The De La Salle Christian Brothers	9 - 18	66				
T.180	Good Shepherd Children's Home, Armagh Road, Newry, Co. Down. (This also includes the Marian Vale Home for Mothers and Babies).	The Sisters of the Good Shepherd	0 - 18+	(Inmates are mostly 18 years of age and over)				
T.233	Johnston Memorial T.S., 5 Green Road, Knock, Belfast.	Presbyterian Orphan Society	3 - 18	20				
T.226	St. Joseph's Convent of Mercy, Bessbrook, Co. Down.	The Sisters of Mercy	3 - 18	40				

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28.8.79

The Chairman
Executive/Finance Committee

REPLACEMENT FOR MACEDON - SHARONMORE

1. At its meeting on 5 September 1978 the Committee approved the replacement of Macedon, a children's home for 32, with a new project combining specialised residential care with small community based 'satellite' units. In short the project will provide for two groups of eight children to live on one site together with the administrative centre and a further four satellite units each accommodating four children will be acquired in the community within easy access of the main centre.
2. Ballyduff House is a large property standing in its own grounds and with modern housing adjacent on two sides. It is proposed that this property should become the administrative centre and purpose built accommodation be provided for one group of eight in the grounds. Accommodation for the second group will be built on a small infill site adjoining both Ballyduff House garden and the housing development.
3. The attached memo, appendix 1, sets out tender details.
4. Approval is also being sought to purchase 315 Ballysillan Road for £27,500. A note prepared by BAR 14 Divisional director (child care) N. Ireland & Eire, attached as appendix 2 gives details.
5. The Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland has agreed in principle to meet full re-instatement costs less betterment deductions and now tenders have been received negotiations are taking place on the details. Contingency provision has been made in the divisional plan for Barnardo's to meet 25% of the costs but it is hoped that this contribution will be lower.

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To: V.L. Cornish, Esq.

From: G.H. Spawaters.

Visit to Northern Ireland

Before my holiday in Northern Ireland, I visited Mr. Andrews in the new offices in Belfast and then made brief visits to both Macdon and The Manor House, Ballycastle.

Macdon

I did not do individual medical examinations of the children since these are now fully covered by the local doctor, but I saw all the records in the Home and spent much of the day with the staff and children, and had tea with the children in one of the cottages.

The records are all conscientiously kept. There are only three enuretic children, which is good for a home of this size. The diet appears to be of good quality and varied, and there is a good cook who has been at the Home for many years. The children all stay at school for dinner. There are very adequate records of minor ailments and illnesses necessitating doctors' visits. The local doctor is interested and reliable, and the health of the children is generally good. Dr. Wilson is the doctor for the Home.

Recently the consultant psychiatrist, Dr. Maculay, has arranged to take his clinic staff to Macdon from time to time to help our staff with their management of difficult children, and I think his help should be very valuable. He seems willing to do this as an extension of his child guidance clinic work and is not being paid a special fee.

The children at Macdon are divided into three groups, the main house and the two cottages. The children in the main house used to be divided into three separate groups, but this arrangement has now been abandoned. [redacted] explained that they prefer to have the children in one group and it gives the children the flexibility to attach themselves to the member of staff they prefer. I did not find this arrangement an improvement however. I felt the large group of 20+ children at meal times gave little opportunity for staff to have individual conversations with children. During the afternoon the children played in large groups, some rather noisily. I was impressed with the warmth and good relationship which [redacted] obviously had with the children in her cottage, and although the cottage as a whole was untidy it was homely in that it was "lived in". The other cottage was not only untidy but dirty, and I think much help is needed here. It is a difficult time for staff in that because these buildings have a limited life the usual maintenance work may not have been carried out, and it is naturally wise to wait until the new home is available before buying new furniture. Incidentally, are we right in replacing the same numbers in the new home as there are at Macdon? (92). It does seem a large number of children to have on one site.

The Manor House

The reorganisation of The Manor House to reduce the number in the groups from nine to six, to provide more staff accommodation and a nursery school, had been approved at the time of my visit, and work had started on digging the foundations of the nursery school. In view of these impending changes I have not commented on the existing accommodation. I am sure the changes will make possible a much improved standard of child care.

There are four children with physical handicaps of varying degrees of severity and two with some degree of mental retardation, but this is not a greater proportion of handicapped children than many of our nurseries have now (Oakley House has a higher proportion). Their medical needs are being met satisfactorily. Miss Stewart herself supervises the care of this group, even to having a child in her own bedroom at night if special care is required.

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I think the position has changed radically and quickly because six voluntary homes have closed within the last year with the loss of about a hundred beds.

MR MARRINAN: Perhaps that is a rather drastic way of achieving a coherent policy?

A That is right.

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Q You say in your brief in rather dramatic terms - I am not criticising you for using dramatic terms, it may be that dramatic terms are called for - page 29, that:

"Barnardo's in Northern Ireland feels that it has to plan in a vacuum to a much greater degree than anywhere else in the UK".

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Is that what you are getting at when you talk about the need for a regional planning organisation?

A I do not think that I can say there is anywhere else that we have built a home at a cost of over half a million pounds ---

Q You are referring to Sharonmore now?

A Yes. --- that we are closing within three years of building it. That is really quite serious. We are dependent on the public for our voluntary income and we have to ensure that we spend it efficiently and as wisely as we can.

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Q How much of Sharonmore is closed at the moment? Is it one 8-bed unit?

A It is one 8-bed unit, which is a third of the provision.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is it going to be closed completely?

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A No. We have put that unit in mothballs. We would hope very much that if a need can be identified and there is a real commitment to using that provision, that we would be delighted to be in a position to reopen.

MR MARRINAN; May we take it that that was approximately one-third of the sum you mentioned to open that eight-bed unit, or is it less than that?

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A It would probably have been a quarter of the total cost.

Q At the moment that is dormant?

A Yes.

Q I see from the SWAG Report, which is a very detailed report in relation to your particular facility, that paragraph 4 talks about the aims and objectives of the Sharonmore project. It starts by giving what you say are the aims of it. I wonder perhaps if you could go into that in a little more detail. Is it really only for quite disturbed children, and to try to prevent them going into training schools or something similar to that?

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A The Black Report did say that children's homes should be able to care for more disturbed youngsters, and Sharonmore was a response to that. By and large we are caring for more disturbed youngsters at Sharonmore. I think that overall in terms of that aim that has been fulfilled. I think that the reference to part of it being used for assessment --- that has never been taken up in that we did not have

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Children attended schools, churches and recreational facilities in the community, and medical facilities were provided by a local GP operating at the local health centre.

6. The main unit was called the parent unit and had two living units (Ballyduff and Ravelston), an administrative block, a recreation hall and staff accommodation. Ballyduff accommodated 8 young people in 4 single and 4 double rooms. Ravelston accommodated 8 young people and had 8 single rooms. There was also a 'sleeping in' room in each unit and an additional spare room which could be used for parents and friends. The satellite units (Ballysillan and Derrycoole) were two ordinary dwelling houses within a 5 mile radius of the parent unit. There were 4 young people in each, in single bedrooms. Ballyduff closed in February 1985 and children and staff transferred to Ravelston. Over time, other provision was developed for supported independent living on the Ravelston site and attached to the parent unit.

The care on offer at Sharonmore;

7. Sharonmore provided a range of social work interventions with a task centred/treatment plan approach, with the aim being rehabilitation and/or moving on. The project operated a keyworker policy. The keyworker policy was developed on the model of determining accountability at admission, and ensuring that the most appropriate person was assigned responsibility for the child, and for ensuring that specific functions were carried out such as healthcare, personal shopping or liaising with family or other agencies. This was followed through during the child's residency at Sharonmore and reviewed as part of a normal six monthly review procedure.
8. Initially, the Ballyduff Unit was intended to provide a residential social work service, which was task-centred, for children who presented with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. The social work interventions were designed to help these children reflect on their difficulties and to understand better the reasons underlying them, in order to gain control over their actions and begin to take responsibility for them.
9. The Ravelston Unit was designed to help young people presenting with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties through the provision of a residential social work service, which provided individualised care with focus on specific tasks including preparation for independent living.
10. The Satellite Units aimed to provide residential social work interventions providing individualised care with a focus on specific tasks to children who would benefit from

living in a small unit in the community. In the Satellite Unit, care was on a domestic scale to replicate some aspects of substitute family care, while maintaining a professional approach to problem-solving.

11. From the internal publication, '*Sharonmore: Caring for Troubled Children and their Families*', written in November 1984, we know that, in 1981-82, there was significant contact with other agencies, with fourteen of the children having been seen by the School Psychological Service, and eight had been referred to the Child Psychiatry Services. A copy of this publication is attached to this statement, marked "LW2". The challenge for the project was to provide a positive daily living experience for children who had experienced disruptive family situations, and problems at school, and were the subject of interventions from statutory agents and other voluntary organisations. The staff had to co-ordinate input from health, education and social services and other voluntary bodies, and to avoid a position where residential care was seen just as containment.
12. The case studies used in this publication show examples of the types of care provided. There is a focus on work and discussion with a keyworker to learn from past experiences, and to understand and come to terms with the traumatic events of past life. Contracts were used and individual counselling was provided as was group work including social skills groups. Social work care was provided to assist with school and education, controlling behaviour, relationships within the groups, relationships with peers, family contact, and to consider the future. Leisure and recreational pursuits were encouraged. It is evident from the report that the unit was dealing with the more disturbed and difficult children and their families.

Where the children came from that were admitted to Sharonmore;

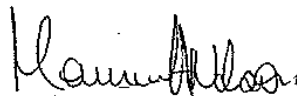
13. In view of the location of the Sharonmore Project, the majority of children were referred from the Eastern Health and Social Services Board. In March 1985 the records demonstrate referrals as follows:-
 - EHSSB – 21;
 - NHSSB – 6;
 - SHSSB – 3;
 - WHSSB – 3.
14. The report, '*Sharonmore: Caring for Troubled Children and their Families*', describes the profile of the children admitted to Sharonmore and their family background at that

HIA 417 is a very intelligent girl and receives personal attention from her teachers at Hopefield Secondary School. Her homework, however, could be much better and this is to be supervised more closely in future. The staff at Macedon report that the other children often go HIA 417 for help with their homework.

HIA 417 visits her former foster-mother, quite often. On one or two occasions has rung Macedon complaining that HIA 417 wasn't giving her enough notice before visiting. It may be that Mrs. is getting tired of HIA 417 and is now trying to stop her visiting. We intend asking one of our Welfare Officers to call with to find out the general position.

On looking through our files here there seems to be a lack of background information and I am wondering if you could let us have some more information in regard to HIA 417 early life, before she was admitted to us. Knowing this, we might be able to help HIA 417 sort out her problems better.

Yours sincerely,



M. A. Nelson
Executive Officer for Ireland.



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STAFF TERMINATION SSR 184 (Rev. 3/77)

IMPORTANT - This form must be completed IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of a member of staff leaving and dispatched as indicated.

1. Home/Section: **Macedon, 349 Shore Road, Nertownabbey.**

2. Full name: **BAR 3**

3. Post: **Asst. Houseparent.** 4. Last working day: **9.1.80.**

5. Day of arrival leave ending: [redacted]

6. Additional payments: [redacted]

7. Name and address of future employer (if known): [redacted]

8. Reason for leaving (with code number): **Personal Reasons**

9. Reason for leaving (with code number): **Personal Reasons**

IN CASE NOW COMPLETE STAFF TERMINATION REPORT (F293) AND SEND TO PERSONNEL SECTION

RECEIVED 10 JAN 1980

Superintendent/Head of Section: **S. L. L. L.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Employee No.: **267229**

Date of birth: [redacted]

Date appointed: **23.11.79**

Code on: **SALARIES**

Supervise: **REPORT**

Compensation: [redacted]

P48 G. Pay: [redacted]

Tax: [redacted]

Pensions Officer init.: [redacted]

N.J. cert. refd.: [redacted]

Tin code: [redacted]

DISTRIBUTION

Orange: Personnel Section

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ADVANCES, LOANS, E7
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Name: [redacted]

Section: [redacted]

(B) Loans through Salaries Sec

(D) Loans through Accounts S

NOTES

(A) 'OUTSTANDING' returns
and when action complete(B) No final salary payment
to be made until this form
fully completed, has been
cleared.

Record of action taken on out.

Signature: [redacted]



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BAR 14

From
To:

cc: Mr. V. Givan, Personnel Manager, Barkingside

Our Ref: NJC/MJY

17th April, 1980

FILE NOTE

BAR 3

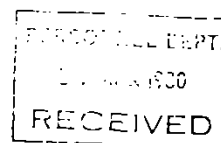
BAR 3 was employed at Macedon from April, 1979 until January, 1980. Immediately prior to his resignation it had come to light that he owed money to both the petty cash account and to certain children's pocket money. On investigation it transpired that loans had been made by supervisory staff but, at no time, had he been authorised to take money from children's pocket money. When these matters were discussed with him he acknowledged his responsibility, and agreed to repay the outstanding amounts. Having repaid the loans he resigned.

Since his resignation BAR 3 has indicated a willingness to return to Barnardo's and it does appear to be his wish to continue in child-care. In addition to the matter referred to above there were a number of other matters of concern, and we were prepared to re-employ BAR 3 in any position. BAR 3 has an effeminate manner and one is inclined to the view that he is most certainly homosexual. However this was never a problem, as far as his work was concerned, except that children made reference. Following his resignation there was some evidence that he brought alcohol to the premises though most of his colleagues were of the opinion that he did not drink. In addition to borrowing money as referred to above, it is known that he borrowed a large sum from one member of staff and that this was not repaid. BAR 3 had the ability to work through difficult experiences with the children, and there was never any doubt as to his child-care ability. He appeared to be supportive to staff, but tended to become involved in their personal lives and seemed to have the skill to identify their vulnerable points. Having done this he tended to work on these for the purpose of gaining their confidence.

I have grave doubts as to BAR 3's reliability and certainly would not recommend him for a position of trust, or for any post in a social work setting.

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Convictions of

BAR 16

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Date of birth

11/04/1967

MALE

Offence Summary

Conv Caut

THEFT	5	0
COMMON ASSAULT	3	0
DECEPTION	5	0
RIOTOUS/DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR	3	0
PUBLIC ORDER	1	0
BURGLARY	2	0
ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES	2	0
DRIVING LICENCE REGULATIONS	1	0
BREACH OF COURT ORDER/ETC	2	0
HANDLING	1	0
BOMB HOAX	1	0
UNLAWFUL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE	1	0

NEWTOWNABBEY MC

14/05/1987

THEFT

25/04/1987

Detained in a Young Offenders Centre 6 MONTHS

VARIED ON APPEAL - SEE NEXT COURT

BELFAST CY CT

01/06/1987

THEFT

25/04/1987

Compensation £210

Detained in a Young Offenders Centre 6 MONTHS SUSP 2 YEARS

COMMITTAL 9.2.88, RELEASE 23.2.88

end of court

BELFAST MC (2)

09/06/1987

COMMON ASSAULT ON ADULT

11/03/1987

Probation Order 1 YEAR

COMMON ASSAULT ON ADULT

11/03/1987

Probation Order 1 YEAR

COMMON ASSAULT ON ADULT

11/03/1987

Probation Order 1 YEAR

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PERSONS REPORTED*

(Separate page 2 for each person reported. Number pages 2, 2a, 2b etc.)

*(Delete as appropriate)

SURNAME	BAR 3		
FORENAMES			
DATE OF BIRTH		Adult/Juvenile*	
ADDRESS	Whereabouts presently unknown		
CHARGED		YES NO	COPY CHARGE SHEET ATTACHED AT PART IV
SUMMONS ISSUED		YES NO	COPY SUMMONS ATTACHED AT PART IV
FORM 1 ISSUED		YES NO	COPY INFORMATIONS ATTACHED AT PART IV
DATE OF FIRST COURT APPEARANCE	N/A		
AT DATE OF THIS REPORT IS WANTED FOR ARREST AND INTERVIEW		IN CUSTODY	ON BAIL

NATURE OF PRINCIPAL EVIDENCE AGAINST PERSON REPORTED

(Tick as appropriate)

WRITTEN CONFESSION	
ORAL CONFESSION ONLY	
VISUAL IDENTIFICATION	
MEDICAL EVIDENCE	
FORENSIC EVIDENCE	
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE	X
OTHER (SPECIFY)	

ANTECEDENT HISTORY* OF PERSON REPORTED

(Summarise relevant information, eg

marital status, employment, associates, mental or physical abnormalities.

Give physical description where identification is at issue)

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS	YES	NO	COPY GRO 22 ATTACHED
			COPY CIB 1 ATTACHED

BAR 3 He was employed by Barnardos as a full time member of the residential care staff at Mandon Children's Home, Whiteabbey. At this time he has not been interviewed and is sought for arrest and interview. It is known that he is travelling on an Irish passport last renewed in USA. His passport is due for renewal during 2001. I am satisfied that having conducted extensive enquiries he is not living in the United Kingdom or Southern Ireland.

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FILE NOTE.

This note is a recording of a conversation with [REDACTED] BAR 8
on the morning of Friday 11th April, 1980 at Macedon.

[REDACTED] BAR 8 reported to me that some months ago staff member
[REDACTED] BAR 2 had said to her that [REDACTED] BAR 46 told him
in general conversation, that former member of staff [REDACTED] BAR 3
while in charge of [REDACTED] BAR 46 tried to put his arm around him and also
on occasions had tried to kiss him.

As these reported incidents took place some months ago, the member
of staff concerned has now left our employment (9.1.80), on considering
the situation in my judgement any well intentioned cross-examination
at this late stage might do damage to all concerned, especially in
view of the climate in the Province at present.

[REDACTED] BAR 24

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STATEMENT OF: [BAR 8]

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the main house at Macedon and in the foreground are myself, [BAR 13] [BAR 13] [BAR 7] and the Superintendent, [BAR 23] Pictured in the background are some of the children, including [BAR 37] [HIA 101] and [BAR 14] I believe the photograph was taken around 1978. As I had known the children in care at Macedon and Sharonmore I was involved in delivering letters to the former children in care and I was aware of the Police investigation into allegations of sexual abuse. The first time I became aware of an allegation of sexual abuse was in 1980 when I spoke with one of the children in Macedon, named [BAR 46] At that time there were rumours going around the children that one of the staff members, named [BAR 3] [BAR 3] was a homosexual. I spoke to [BAR 46] as the result of a conversation with [BAR 2] I remember that [BAR 46] told me that he had been on a weekend trip with [BAR 3] I believe to Dublin. He explained that [BAR 3] had got into [BAR 46] [BAR 46] bed beside him to comfort him after terrifying him by talking to him about spirits. he explained that he had started to cry and was terrified and that he had got out of bed. [BAR 46] was very agitated when I spoke to him and had difficulty in talking to me about this. When I asked if anything else had happened [BAR 46] told me that he didn't want to talk about it further and he wouldn't talk about it further. I passed this information [BAR 24] who was in charge of Macedon at that time. [BAR 3] had left Macedon shortly before this incident. [BAR 24] didn't come back to me about the incident. I also had other concerns about [BAR 3] including that he had borrowed money from staff, including me and that he was dishonest. I then went to the Divisional Director of Barnardos, [BAR 14] and voiced my concerns to him, explaining to him that I thought [BAR 3] should never work with children again. The

SIGNATURE OF

[BAR 8]

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From: [REDACTED] BAR 14
 To: [REDACTED]
 cc: Mr. V. Givan, Personnel Manager, Barkingside

Our Ref: NJC/MJY

17th April, 1980

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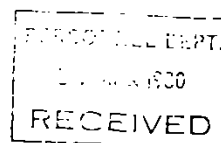
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21.4.80.

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SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER:



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From
To:

cc: Mr. V. Givan, Personnel Manager, Barkingside

Our Ref: NJC/MJY

17th April, 1980

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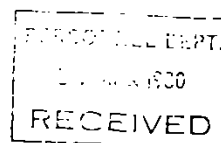
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162. The File Note suggests that the former were authorised loans; the latter, unauthorised. When the matter was raised, the money owed was repaid and [BAR 3] resigned, and the matter therefore appears to have been efficiently addressed. The concern that the matter gave rise to does not however readily find a place within the Inquiry's definition of abuse; nor, without more, does the unexpected claim to medicine or to religion.
163. It is however entirely clear that the [BAR 46] allegation should have prompted a detailed consideration of what was known about [BAR 3]. The matters referred to above would have required scrutiny in that context, and may have led to further or more significant concerns of which Barnardo's was not by then aware. As a result of the failure to address the [BAR 46] allegation, that detailed consideration did not occur.
164. **Barnardo's accepts that the failure to take appropriate steps in response to the [BAR 46] n allegation about [BAR 3] constitutes a systemic failing: see paragraph 5(c) / (d) of the Inquiry's *Definitions of abuse and systemic failings*.**
165. The Inquiry is respectfully asked to see this failure as a rare lapse, more obviously so given the many examples of a wholly proper Barnardo's response to the emergence of child protection concerns: see, for example, how suspected cases of unlawful carnal knowledge, when they came to light, were routinely the subject of appropriate reporting, enabling investigation and consideration for prosecution¹¹⁶. Support for children disclosing allegations of other sexual offences is amply apparent: see, for example, the facilitation of police involvement and accompaniment of those making complaints to attendances with police.¹¹⁷ The materials available repeatedly disclose the selection by children or former residents of members of Barnardo's staff as the clearly trusted recipients of highly personal disclosures. The Inquiry is also asked to note, as indicative of the organisation's proactive child protection focus, the taking of safeguarding action with appropriate agencies irrespective of the outcome of criminal investigation: see the cases of [BAR 4] and [BAR 82]¹¹⁹
166. Some matters appear to have been raised, perhaps without information on which action could be taken, and not advanced for some considerable time before further, actionable, disclosure follows: a document headed *Notes of Supervision Session with [BAR 36]* on 7 November 1983 records that:-
- "In the course of [BAR 8] After-Care work with [] who left Macedon about four years ago, [] made the comment that at different times two ex-members of staff had attempted to make advances toward her. These comments were not made in the context of allegations, but in the context of difficulties that young people experience while in care. [BAR] will ask [BAR] to try to find out some more*

¹¹⁶ See, for example, BAR8738 / BAR7562-7587.

¹¹⁷ See, for example, BAR 149-155 / BAR7302-7303.

¹¹⁸ BAR199.

¹¹⁹ BAR8643-8650.

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- 6 After a short time in the house [BAR 47] and [BAR 114] went to bed and intercourse took place between them.
- 7 The next day the couple split up and have not gone out together since. [BAR 47] was returned to Dr Barnardo's by her mother on 17 May 1982. The matter was reported to police by [BAR 9] group leader at Dr Barnardo's immediately after [BAR] told him about sleeping with [BAR 114]
- 8 On Monday, 17 May 1982, at approximately 7.30pm, I went to Dr Barnardo's. I introduced myself to [BAR 47] and explained the nature of my enquiries. I then interviewed [BAR 47] in relation to the previous weekend and she made a voluntary written statement in which she admitted having had intercourse with [BAR 114]
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- 10 On 18 May 1982 [BAR 47] was medically examined by Dr McKimmon of Carnmoney Health Centre. His finding from the examination was consistent with [BAR 47] having had intercourse two or three days previously.

OBSERVATIONS

- 11 The defendant in this case, [BAR 114] [BAR 114], Unemployed Labourer of [BAR 114] had been going out with [BAR 47] for three weeks before the intercourse took place. Previous to this [BAR 47] says that she was a virgin and she consented to [BAR 114] having sex with her. [BAR 47] and [BAR 114] have not gone out together since this incident occurred.
- 12 [BAR 114] refers in his statement to [] telling him to take [BAR 47] away. When asked about this [] stated that she went down to speak to [BAR] and [BAR] and they ran away before she got a chance to talk to them. [] declined to make a written statement about the matter.

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the matter might be made.

5) KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRESENTS GIVEN TO THE BOY BY THE SERGEANT

The report from Dr [REDACTED] will contain the list of specific presents [REDACTED] received from [REDACTED] BAR 12 however, two points were made on a number of occasions [REDACTED] which he seemed unable to accept and carry out -

- 1 Special presents such as birthday and Christmas presents should cost a limited amount of money which would take account of the fact that [REDACTED] usually rely on benefit for their income and are not therefore in a position to buy the children expensive presents. It was considered therefore, inappropriate that [REDACTED] HIA 516 should receive very expensive presents from a friend, particularly as he perceived material goods as an expression of affection.
- 2 [REDACTED] HIA 516 need to understand structure and limits was not being helped by a weekly opportunity to spend pounds rather than pence on sweets etc.

CONCLUSION:

[REDACTED] BAR 12 first contact with [REDACTED] HIA was accidental and in the course of his duty. Thereafter he, with other police at Whiteabbey Station, expressed a general interest in Macedon and he was encouraged by staff to focus his attention on one child rather than all the children in the unit. Our concerns about the relationship between [REDACTED] BAR 12 and [REDACTED] HIA were very real and increased with the passage of time but it should be emphasised that this concern was about [REDACTED] HIA 516 special needs as a deprived child who has not learned to behave in a socially acceptable manner and [REDACTED] BAR 12 inability to provide structure for him. In discussions with [REDACTED] about how he and [REDACTED] HIA would spend time when they were out and the amounts of money which would be involved were raised with him in this context; however, it is also true that at an earlier stage of the relationship as well as at the last discussion with him the question of the interpretation of his behaviour was raised in the light of [REDACTED] tendency to make complaints about the treatment of the children and in the light of common sense. At no time was there reason to believe that the relationship was other than that of a sympathetic adult taking an interest in a deprived child.

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situations to his advantage if possible. Part of the help that HIA 516 was receiving in Macedon Children's Home was to attempt to change his approach to authority and encourage him towards socially acceptable behaviour. Exhortations to behave well during his outings with Sergeant were included in this programme.

BAR 12 appeared to be having great difficulty in adhering to the general principals which had been explained to him about HIA 516's need for structure and limitations. In spite of the help he was offered by staff he judged the amount of money he spent on an afternoon in his own terms of reference and as BAR 12's income exceeded his expenses, he seemed unable to appreciate the importance of giving HIA 516 the sense of normal limits of spending. He also seemed reluctant to correct HIA 516's misbehaviour. Further his interest in HIA 516 led him to attempt to influence staff in the residential unit with regard to management of the child and this created problems for a boy like HIA 516 who needs consistency.

HIA 516 on his part, had found it apparently easy to manipulate BAR 12 into taking him to wherever he wished to go, sometimes to more than one expensive type of entertainment in an afternoon. He was also allowed to purchase the quantities of sweets he wished and frequently did not return the change to BAR 12.

It became clear that if the relationship between HIA 516 and BAR 12 was to be of benefit to HIA 516 it was necessary to define precisely the activities and money to be spent during an outing. Consequently, a meeting with BAR 12 was arranged in May 1980 to discuss specific directions as the only basis on which the relationship could continue. Initially after this meeting there was some change but soon the problems began to arise again and in spite of reminders BAR 12 was soon treating HIA 516 as he had done previously.

In November 1980 a Review meeting was arranged at which the position was made quite clear again to BAR 12. He was informed that if he would not adhere to the directions contact must cease. BAR 12 stated that he could not agree and he was informed that he may not continue his relationship with HIA 516. In March 1982 staff in Dr Barnardo's began to suspect that HIA 516 had been seen by BAR 12 again. On 17.3.82 when HIA 516 did not attend school BAR 12 was contacted; he stated he had not seen Billy but would look for him at the local Roller Disco. BAR 12 returned HIA 516 to Sharonmore that afternoon.

discussed the matter with BAR 12. He acknowledged he had seen HIA 516 two or three times since their contact had been terminated. He claimed that HIA 516 had arrived unexpectedly at his home when he had lost his bus-fare to school and that on one occasion HIA 516 had telephoned him. Four points were clearly made to BAR 12:

- 1 When the decision to terminate contact was made, he, BAR 12 had a responsibility to carry it through. Inviting the boy into his home and prolonging the phone call had been contrary to that responsibility.
- 2 He should not give the boy money for any purpose.
- 3 He should inform Dr Barnardo's when HIA 516 made contact with him.
- 4 To act contrary to the directions given was to put himself in an invidious position when interpretations of his failure to report

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BEFRIENDING APPLICATION

BAR 12

Interviews at Divisional Office: February 10th 1981 3 hours
February 19th 1981 2½ hours

BACKGROUND TO APPLICATION

BAR 12 has been visiting one of the boys in Macedon for some time:-
HIA 516 At HIA 516 last review some concern was expressed about
the relationship and the benefits or otherwise of this. A request was
therefore made for a formal assessment of BAR 12

FACTUAL INFORMATION

BAR 12 is in his middle forties and unmarried. His father is
deceased and he lives with his mother, although he owns a house in
BAR 12 He is the youngest member of his family,
and has two brothers and one sister, all of whom are married.

BAR 12 is a sergeant in the R.U.C. - has not had any other career
and is presently stationed at Lisburn Road Station.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS

BAR 12 was extremely nervous during the first stages of my contact with
him. His voice shook and lips trembled. He made it very clear to me that
he was unhappy about the whole idea of "having to go through this". He
pointed out that he had been visiting HIA 516 in Macedon for fifteen
months and that it was ridiculous to come up with this suggestion now
that the relationship had been established.

He did agree, however, that the original circumstances of his contact
had now changed and I pointed out that it was usual for us to interview
people for the kind of role he has now in relation to HIA 516

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He feels he had learned a lot too about people in stressful situations, and has learned to help alleviate this. He told me he was very interested in "psychology" and asked about subjects studied in training for social work etc.

In terminating the interview, I explained that we normally make out a report and I would then send for references. BAR 12 told me he would phone names and addresses of referees through. As he was obviously wandering about the implications of this for the future of his friendship with HIA 516 I told him that it was unlikely any action would be taken in haste and that we would be discussing the situation with senior staff as was normal in befriending assessments.

CONCLUSION

BAR 12 impresses me as a rather lonely man who feels he was "missed out" on marriage and family life. Some areas of his life i.e. relationship with BAR 12 interest in team's personal problems, make up for this and he is at least willing to admit this. I feel this is an very normal desire for someone in BAR 12 circumstances and I feel he has been particularly honest about it. How much he is prepared or willing to accept the guidance of others however, is difficult to say. I feel his own needs might tend to over ride his better judgement.

On the whole I felt he was a genuinely caring person who no doubt has offered Billy some very positive help.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It would be inappropriate for me to offer a recommendation, being unaware of the total picture.

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Project Leader

**Barnardo's**

Dr. Barnardo's Irish Divisional Office,
414 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 5BA
Telephone 0232-776690/778086

JMM/SK.

14th May, 1981.

(Dictated 6.5.81.)

BAR 12

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Dear

Further to our meeting on Wednesday, 6.5.81., to discuss your relationship with HIA 516 in Macedon, I would like to confirm that both the Eastern Health & Social Services Board and Barnardo's are prepared to agree to its continuing, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that you are prepared to accept the guidance of Macedon staff as to the frequency, nature and length of time you spend with HIA 516
- (2) that you accept their decisions as to the value of presents and amounts of money you give to HIA 516
- (3) that you discuss with them where you are going to take HIA 516 on your days out, and for how long.

I must add that if you are not prepared to abide by these conditions, we will have no option but to review the arrangements.

However, it is also fair to say that we do believe that within the appropriate context, as discussed at the meeting, there does exist the potential for HIA 516 to derive benefit from the relationship.

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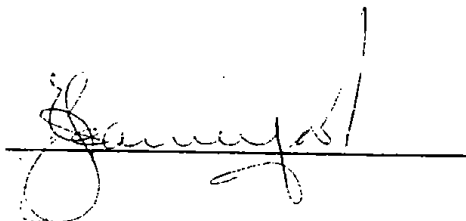
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[REDACTED]

I reside at the above address and from 1975 my son and I have a riding school at the above address. Around June or July 1981 I sold a pony to Mr. BAR 12. BAR 12 This pony is 14.2 hands. On the day I sold it to him there was a young lad with him, I got to know this young lad, his name HIA 516. On the day of the sale, HIA told me that BAR 12 had bought the pony for him. BAR 12 paid \$300 for it. He paid by cheque. The arrangement was that the pony was to be kept here for board and feed. On numerous occasions BAR 12 would bring HIA 516 out to the school to ride the pony. He was also brought out sometimes by the home. I haven't seen either BAR 12 or HIA 516 since Christmas of 1981. BAR 12 does, however, send cheques for the feeding and boarding of the pony and he is paid up to 28th May 1982.

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the Lisburn Road district to a nearby Roller Disco.

(At that time, BAR 12 was based in Lisburn Road R.U.C. Station)

BAR 12 said he had not seen HIA 516 but intimated that he would look for him. BAR 12 and HIA arrived at Sharonmore at approximately 5.30 p.m. HIA had apparently been at Whitewell Roller Disco.

The contact with BAR 12 was on this occasion contrary to an earlier decision made in November 1981.

3. KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRESENTS GIVEN TO THE BOY BAR 12

To the best of our knowledge, from winter 1979 the following known large gifts were given to HIA 516. At this stage it is difficult to state exactly to what extent the gifts were purchased from Police Committee funds or which were personal gifts from the BAR 12

Pair of black shoes	-	1979
Black Anorak	-	1979
Navy Sweater	-	1979
Bicycle	-	Christmas 1979 - Police Gift
Bicycle Wheel	-	January 1980
Accessories for Bicycle	-	1980
Suit of Clothing	-	1980
Stereo Unit	-	Christmas 1980
Records	-	Christmas 1980

During October 1981, BAR 12 purchased a horse and saddle which he stabled at The Beeches Riding School in Ballyclare.

The BAR 12 met all the stabling fees for the horse, which was entirely for HIA 516. Prior to the purchase of the horse and saddle, BAR 12 met all weekly riding session fees for HIA 516 which cost £2.00 per session.

Throughout his involvement with HIA 516, BAR 12 gave him numerous small items, e.g., sweets, crisps, minerals, fruit, small sums of money etc.

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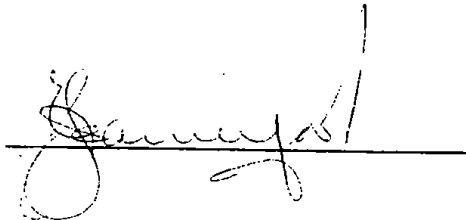
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HIA 516 has been once to BAR 12 house in Bangor and was bored stiff. He has not been to his parental home and the only member of BAR 12 family to have met HIA 516 is a nephew who is also in the Police Force. HIA 516 s, in BAR 12 estimation, the sort of boy who likes "doing things" rather than sitting chatting - a very typical boy!

It was interesting that although we had seemingly agreed about the inadvisability of setting unrealistic material standards for HIA 516, BAR 12 ended our conversation on HIA 516 activities, by stating that he would be willing, if Billy proved interested enough, to buy him a horse!

BAR 12

FAMILY BACKGROUND

BAR 12 did not offer much information about his own family life. He is the youngest in the family, and feels he had a "normal" upbringing - no particular events stand out in his mind. BAR 12 mother is elderly, but he enjoys the companionship she offers at home and for that reason he is reluctant to live on his own in his bungalow. He sees his brothers and sister often, but is not closely involved in their social life. Contact with his nieces and nephews is by way of birthday presents etc., although he is quite close to his eldest nephew who is a Police Cadet. Relationships within the family, he would see as good, but not particularly close.

SOCIAL LIFE AND INTERESTS

BAR 12 was quite frank about the difficulties facing a single man of his age, especially when his former friends are all married and have built up their own social networks. He would go out for "drinks with the boys" (from the station) reasonably often, and also attends dances. He feels, however, that his enjoyment lies in more solitary pursuits and his main hobby is restoring old or antique furniture. He "scouts around" for good buys and at the time of assessment he was in the process of

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community relations work and had been friendly with him during the time he was in Rathgael. He told us that there had been three Community Relations policemen who called at Rathgael. They had taken him and other boys for a week to Scotland and on other occasions on week-end trips. He denied he had ever been taken out alone by any police officer. He also denied receiving a motor cycle or a birthday cake. He said he did not know any of them by name and the only one he could recall was a bald one who did weight lifting and lived in Orangefield. (This has been identified as R/Constable McGrath).

He asked me to tell him who the policeman was but I refused. He then said he would not hesitate 'to sink a peeler' if anything such as I had suggested had happened. He then made reference to a man named Smith from that area who had been prosecuted for this type of offence.

On 9 July 1982 accompanied by D/Inspector Garvey I revisited HM Prison, Magilligan, to re-interview Warnock and get his thoughts over what I had discussed with him on 20 May. He refused to see us.

Association No 2

On 13 October 1980 it was brought to the notice of the Sub-Divisional Commander in Newtownabbey that some members of the Management Committee of Dr Barnardo's, Shore Road, Whiteabbey, had expressed concern regarding the relationship between BAR 12 and an inmate of the Home HIA 516 aged 15 years. No direct allegations of misconduct was made. The information was that BAR 12 had been involved in charitable work for Dr Barnardo's, whereby meeting the residents and that it was understood that he had been taking HIA 516 out on a regular basis. He had taken him to a sauna and had settled several small accounts.

This information had been supplied by D/Constable HINDS, Newtownabbey. I saw him on 18 June 1982. He stated that it had been supplied to him on the understanding that the person could remain anonymous. The person was again contacted by him at my request and cannot supply any specific information. The wish that he/she remain anonymous has been respected.

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the Lisburn Road district to a nearby Roller Disco.

(At that time, [BAR 12] was based in Lisburn Road R.U.C. Station)
[BAR 12] said he had not seen [HIA 516] but intimated that he would look for him. [BAR 12] and [HIA 516] lived at Sharonmore at approximately 5.30 p.m. [HIA 516] had apparently been at Whitewell Roller Disco.

The contact with [BAR 12] was on this occasion contrary to an earlier decision made in November 1981.

3. KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRESENTS GIVEN TO THE [BAR 12]

To the best of our knowledge, from winter 1979 the following known large gifts were given to [HIA 516]. At this stage it is difficult to state exactly to what extent the gifts were purchased from Police Committee funds or which were personal gifts from the [BAR 12]

Pair of black shoes	-	1979
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Bicycle Wheel	-	January 1980
Accessories for Bicycle	-	1980
Suit of Clothing	-	1980
Stereo Unit	-	Christmas 1980
Records	-	Christmas 1980

During October 1981, [BAR 12] purchased a horse and saddle which he stabled at The Beeches Riding School in Ballyclare. The [BAR 12] met all the stabling fees for the horse, which was entirely for [HIA 516]. Prior to the purchase of the horse and saddle, [BAR 12] met all weekly riding session fees for [HIA 516] which cost £2.00 per session.

Throughout his involvement with [HIA 516], [BAR 12] gave him numerous small items, e.g., sweets, crisps, minerals, fruit, small sums of money etc.

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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY	
'S'	CID
Division	Sub-Division/Department
HQ CRIME SQUAD	Station/Branch
	25 OCTOBER 1982
Date	
SUBJECT	ALLEGED ACTS OF INDECENCY BY
	BAR 12

To D/SUPERINTENDENT,
CRIME SQUAD CO-ORDINATOR

INTRODUCTION

Over the past number of years there has been suspicion that BAR 12
BAR 12 Royal Ulster Constabulary, may have displayed an inordinate and perhaps an unhealthy interest in certain youths whom he had met during the course of his police duties and whom he had afterwards befriended and associated with. I, D/Chief Inspector Harold COLGAN, was directed on 28 April 1982 to carry out investigations into the associations.

I have made enquiries into three separate associations.

(1) During May 1970 BAR 12 was stationed at Mountpottinger Station and was engaged in Community Relations work in the Inverary Estate area, working with hard core UDA element. It came to the notice of his authorities that some persons in the area were referring to th BAR 12 and suggesting that he was a homosexual. No direct complaint was made and, although enquiries were made, none of the parties in the area were prepared to make a formal complaint to substantiate the allegations.

(2) In October 1980 information was received from a person, wishing to remain anonymous, that concern was being expressed by members of staff at Dr Barnardo's, Shore Road, Belfast, in regard to the relationship between BAR 12 then stationed at Newtownabbey, and a youth resident at Dr Barnardo's Residential Unit at Sharonmore, Shore Road, Whiteabbey. The youth was named as HIA 516

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS	
<div>TO BE COMPLETED WHEN THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN WRITTEN</div> <div>Certified a true copy of the original</div> <div>Form 38/36 (Plain)</div>	<div>HIA 516</div> <div>STATEMENT OF: _____</div> <div>AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): <u>15 YEAR</u></div> <div>OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: <u>SCHOOLBOY</u></div> <div>ADDRESS: <u>RATHGAEL TRAINING SCHOOL.</u></div> <div>I declare that this statement consisting of _____ pages, 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.</div> <div>Dated this 19th day of August 1982</div> <div>(Sgd) E J Garvey</div> <div>SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received.</div> <div>SIGNATURE OF WITNESS</div> <div>I have already made a statement to the police. The things I told you that BAR 12 did to me are true. I don't want to go over those things again just because I don't feel like it. I de don't want to go to court about BAR 12 but I will tell the police bosses. The day I was out with you and stopped at the '30 mph speed limit signs' is not where I stopped with BAR 12 We actually stopped at the quarry which is just before you go forward to Wilsons' Stables. Some days we would have stopped on the way to the stables and some times on the way back. We stopped about four times. The things I told you happened when I was with you actually happened at the quarry. I thumped BAR 12 at the quarry one day. When I told you before I was only at his house twice in Bangor but I was there about six times. One of the times my brother David was there. We usually stayed about half-an-hour, but one day I helped BAR 12 dig his front garden and we were there over half-an-hour. The first time he tried to interfere with me in his house</div> <div>SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: <u>(86)</u></div>

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STATEMENT OF HIA 516
AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): 15 YEARS
OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: SCHOOLBOY
ADDRESS: RATHGAEL TRAINING SCHOOL.

I declare that this statement consisting of _____ pages, 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.

Dated this 19TH day of AUGUST 19 82

(Sgd) E J Garvey HIA 516
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

When I ^{WA twelve} ~~was thirteen~~ years old I was staying in Dr Barnardo's at 'Macedon' on the Shore Road, Newtownabbey. My Mum was living in Hollywood. One afternoon me and my brother ~~left~~ left and went to see my Mum. Me and my Mum had an argument and I went to Hollywood police and they sent for Newtownabbey police, they brought me to 'Macedon.' Before we left for 'Macedon' we went to my Mum's house but she said ~~we~~ weren't there. The driver of the police car was Tom Teasey and the Sergeant was BAR 12. The driver told me what their names were. They stopped at a 'chippy' in Newtownabbey and bought me a chip. The next day they came to 'Macedon' and brought me to the Police Station. Tom took a statement from me but I didn't sign it. BAR was with him. Later on the staff at Barnardo's told me BAR 12 had been up to see if he could take me out. This was before Christmas. A week after this BAR came and took me out. He was in a green Fiat. He just drove round Belfast and bought me sweets and left me back. He arranged with the staff to take me out again on a number of days. Sometimes he took my brother ~~with~~ with me. Once he took the three of us to Portrush. The staff then didn't allow him to take David and Norman. That Christmas he bought me a racing bicycle, he brought it up to the home. There was a party that Christmas held by the police. BAR took ~~me~~ and me to the Valley Leisure Centre more than once. He wanted me to go into the Sauna with him but I wouldn't go as I don't like them. He brought me a stereo unit to the home. The staff didn't allow me to have it and I knew there was a row between BAR and them. Another boy in the place exchanged me a TV for the stereo which was a birthday present for my ^{thirteenth} ~~fourteenth~~ birthday in April 1980. ~~BAR~~

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STATEMENT OF: BAR 47
AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21") OVER 21
OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: HOUSEWIFE
ADDRESS: _____

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, 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.

Dated this 13th day of September 1982

(Sgd) E J Garvey (Sgd) BAR 47
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom SIGNATURE of WITNESS
statement was recorded or received.

HIA 516 is my son and is in the care of the Eastern Health and Social Services Board. He was at first in 'Macedon' and then moved to 'Sharonmore'. These homes are run by Dr Barnardo's. I was aware he was friendly with a BAR 12 of the RUC who lived in North Queen Street and who was buying HIA presents. My husband was suspicious of the relationship. On 18 August 1982 HIA called with me and said he had lost his money and could not get to the home. I asked him why he did not call with BAR 12. HIA said he was not allowed to see him as he had been 'messaging' about with him. I asked him what he meant by 'messaging'. He said every time he met BAR 12 he asked him to take his trousers down. HIA said BAR 12 did it to him. I assumed he meant BAR 12 buggered HIA. I then took HIA to Greencastle Police Station and he was collected by someone from Rathgael. On Friday, 3 September 1982, I went to BAR 12 house in North Queen Street. I knew BAR 12 house as I had seen HIA leaving it on different occasions. A woman, whom I now know to be BAR 12 mother, answered the door. I told her who I was and she tried to close the door. A man whom I now know as BAR 12 came into the hall. I told him what HIA 516 had said to me. He said it was untrue, he had only been trying to help HIA 516. He asked me did I think HIA 516 father had put him up to it. I

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said he might have. They brought me into the living room and his mother gave me tea. Shortly after this his sister and brother-in-law arrived. BAR 12 introduced me to them. I told BAR 12 I had to make a statement in relation to HIA and him. His brother-in-law said he would make out a statement. He and BAR 12 went into the hall and came back with writing paper. They had already written on it and read it out to me. It said that I believed that HIA 516 rather had put HIA up to making the complaint or that HIA had turned against BAR 12 for stopping giving him money. BAR 12 brother-in-law then asked me to sign it. I just signed BAR 47. When I called at the house I had drink on me but I was not drunk. BAR 12 then asked me to go to Greencastle. I said it was Lisburn Road that was dealing with it, but he said he wasn't going to Lisburn Road at that time of night, though it was only about 9 pm. The four of us then went to Greencastle where the BAR 12 on duty spoke to BAR 12 in a room. The Greencastle sergeant then told us we would need to go to Lisburn Road. BAR 12 asked for the BAR 12 when we arrived. When we left BAR 12 BAR 12 dropped me off at his house as I was going to the Grove.

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On 13 September 1982, accompanied by D/Inspector Garvey, I interviewed [BAR 47] the boy's mother, where she was residing with a man, not the boy's father. She confirmed that [HIA 516] had called with her and had told her about the relationship with [BAR 12]. She further related to us how on 3 September 1982 she had gone to [BAR 12] home and had put to him what her son had told her. [BAR 12] had denied it. She had been brought into the living-room and given tea. [BAR 12] sister and brother-in-law then arrived and a statement was made out for her which she signed, which stated that the boy's father had put him up to making the complaint. She was then taken to Greencastle Police Station but the [BAR 12] on duty declined to become involved. She states that she had drink taken at the time but was not drunk!

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Sergeant McKenna confirms that he was on duty at Greencastle on 3 September and that [BAR 47] accompanied by [BAR 12] his sister and another man, came to the station. He was shown the statement and requested to take a further statement off [BAR 47]. He declined as the matter was already the subject of an internal investigation. He considered [BAR 47] to have consumed a considerable amount of drink before coming to the Police Station. He informed Chief Inspector Dalzell, RUC Force Control Centre, of the facts relating to the visit of the persons to the Police Station.

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Chief Inspector Dalzell was on duty at Force Control Centre on 3 September when he received a telephone call from Sergeant [BAR 12] explaining his position and that [BAR 47] was in his home and that she said she did not believe her son's allegations. Acting on instructions he informed the caller that what he had said would be passed on. He later informed me of the call.

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The second man at [BAR 12] home and at the police station was Joseph Greenfield SMYTH, R/Constable FT, stationed at RUC Fortwilliam, who is a brother-in-law of [BAR 12]

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HUC Ref: C64/29/82
DPP Ref: 5609/82

Subject: ALLEGED ACTS OF INDECENCY BY [REDACTED] BAR 12

Chief Constable

Direction

Whilst this file reports an investigation into certain relationships between [REDACTED] BAR 12 and a number of boys over a period of years, there is only a specific allegation of sexual malpractices in relation to the association with [REDACTED] HIA 516

In this particular case, not only are there assertions by [REDACTED] HIA 516 but [REDACTED] BAR 12 relationship with him appears to be a curious one. From the social welfare reports and the other facts contained in the file [REDACTED] HIA 516 appears to have been a disturbed and violent character and yet [REDACTED] BAR 12 formed not only a close personal relationship with him but gave him very expensive gifts. This may raise a suspicion that the relationship was an improper one.

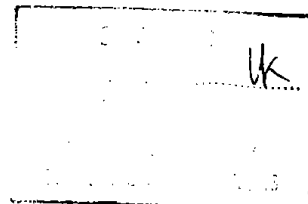
However, I have concluded that there should be no prosecution of [REDACTED] BAR 12 since there is no reasonable prospect of securing a conviction for an offence of sexual malpractice. [REDACTED] BAR 12 has denied the allegations. [REDACTED] HIA 516 is clearly disturbed, violently anti-police and authority in general and widely reported by responsible people as being, among other things, a liar. His statements are not in agreement insofar as the number of visits he paid to [REDACTED] BAR 12 house are concerned nor the place where an offence was committed in the car and I do not believe that in these circumstances, it would be right even to invite a court to act on the assertions of this boy which, at least insofar as their sexual content is concerned, are uncorroborated.

I direct no prosecution of [REDACTED] BAR 12 for any sexual offence.

W R JUNKIN
for Director of Public Prosecutions

16 December 1982

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Even though we were swapped and changed from home to home, but I can recall the one in Hazelbank, which was called "Masitden House," in Whiteabby, on the Shore Road, I think it came under.

Well, while I was there we were asked if we wanted to go back to our Mum and Dad for weekends, and my sister and brother wanted to, but I didn't so none of us got to go, so during our stay in the home, there used to be a police officer called **BAR 12** **BAR** from Whiteabby police station, who used to come up to take me out of the children's home, so that he could get used to seeing me as he was trying to foster me out so he used to take me to Ballyclare horse ridding stables, which I think used to be called the Beaches horse ridding school, but on the way back from this place he used to stop the car and talk to me for a while about getting fostered out to a family, but the thought didn't even cross my mind unless my Brother and Sister were with me, so while he used to talk about this, he used to put his hand in between my legs, and would start rubbing my thing underneath my trousers for a while, and then he would take his thing out at me and ask me to hold it for a while "but I never did", and then he would put it away again, and then he would take me back to the children's home, but before I would get out of the car, he always asked me not to say anything to anyone, so I didn't.

Well as time went by I never said anything to any body, about what was going on for quite sometime, until I made my mind up not to see him anymore, after what he done to me, and that was a few months before I made my mind up, but during this time he would still take me to the horse ridding, but one-night on the way back he pulled completely off the road on the way back, and started feeling me all over, and started kissing me all over, and on this night he took off my trousers and my underwear, and told me to turn around "but I said no to him" so he started to shout at me, and said turn around you little "Bastard" before I left my hand to you, so I got frightened at this stage because he sounded the same way as my father, whenever I was younger, so I turned around, and he lay back the seat of the car, and shortly after he had done this, I could feel him rubbing something on my bum, and his finger going into my back passage, so whenever this happened I cried out at him, and said that it was sore, so he said to me that it would be for a while, so I asked him to stop, but he wouldn't, but after a while he took his finger back out, and said that he wanted me to turn on to my side, but I didn't, so he grab me and put me on my side, and told me to stay where I was, so I did, as he started to put something else back on my "bum", and after he had done that, he moved in close to me and put his thing into where he had his finger, so I screamed even louder this time, as it really hurt me this time, so I pleaded with him to stop, but he just kept moving in and out on me, and I kept crying and asking him to stop, so he said in a while, which seemed like never to me, and then he stop, and as he moved away from me, I felt something running out of me, but he weep what ever it was away, and told me to put my underwear and trousers back on, so I did, and then I tried to get out of the car, but he grab me, and said that he was taking me back to the children's home and that if I told anyone about what happened that he would "kill me", so that's why I've never told anyone until later in my life.

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Action following A4's complaint January 1982

- 11.6 Two days after the indecent assault, A4 went to his uncle's home and told him what had happened. The Sharonmore staff were informed and A4 was brought back to the Project. An Incident Report prepared by Mr Seamus McErlean, a Residential Social Worker, stated that A4 was interviewed on his return and reported having been picked up on a number of occasions. A4 had been afraid to mention the incidents earlier. The police were informed immediately about the indecent assaults and A4 made a statement the following day. The Incident Report was copied to the Southern Board.
- 11.7 We find that the staff of the Project acted promptly and correctly in recording A4's allegations and referring them to the police for investigation and to the Board for information. We noted that A4 chose to make his disclosure to his uncle rather than a member of staff at the Project, but this is by no means surprising since he had only been at Sharonmore since October 1981. We also noted the discrepancy between A4's police statement, which dealt with a single occasion, and the Incident Report which indicated that A4 had been picked up on a number of occasions. Mr McErlean made a statement to us to the effect that the police were given all available information at the time. We are satisfied that the Barnardo's staff took all necessary steps to assist the police fully in relation to this matter.

Other incidents involving A4

- 11.8 We examined A4's personal file and noted three Incident Reports involving him prior to 22 January 1982. On 6 November 1981, one month after A4's admission, it was recorded that he had been staying away from school; on 15 December he was guilty of violent behaviour against a member of staff; and on 31 December he was guilty of serious indiscipline at the Project. A4's School Report for the Christmas Term 1981 showed that he had attended on only nineteen out of forty two days.

1 [REDACTED] gave evidence that A4 was an extremely disturbed boy with a record of truancy since the age of nine. He had on occasion been taken to school by a member of staff but had either failed to attend or had left during the school day. The indecent assault occurred when A4 was playing truant, but we could conceive of no

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HIA 216

When I called with HIA 216 today, I explained the purpose for visiting was in relation to information she had given to me in confidence some time ago.

The information I referred to had, according to HIA 216 involved herself and a member of Barnardo's staff in a series of incidents which she alleged had taken place in 'Macedon' a branch home of Dr. Barnardo's, when she was quite a young child.

When HIA 216 had, at a much earlier date, given me information re: these incidents, she had given me permission to discuss this with my Project Leader, BAR 36

However, she said she definitely did not want to pursue this. Following discussion with BAR 36 I once again conversed with HIA 216 re: the alleged incidents. HIA 216 again stated that she did not wish to pursue this; today, however, as we focused on 'Being in Care' - 'Macedon' - (The Vulnerability of children in Care - The Rights of Children in Care - The Basic Right of a child admitted to care to live without fear), HIA 216 said she would be prepared to talk with BAR 79

R.U.C. re: the incidents involving her and a staff member in Macedon Children's Home. She said she would be very embarrassed and nervous relating the incidents to strangers. Nonetheless, she would be willing to do so, as she felt that children who are taken from their parents for various reasons and placed in care, should not be subjected to abuse, or live in fear of staff who are being paid to care for them.

HIA 216 said that not having enough to eat, or not having adequate clothing was less harmful to children than some of the things that happen in Children's Homes. She went on to say that she would not like to think that this particular staff member may be in a position of trust/ Superintendent/or staff in a children's home. /-.....



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BAR 79

From

To:

Mike Jarman, Deputy Director of Child Care, Barkingside

Our Ref: DC/mjy

22 August 1985

HIA 216

BARNARDO HOME

The above young lady was previously in our long-term care at Macedon. In times of crisis she still approaches a former member of Macedon staff who has a social worker role at Sharonmore, BAR 8 provides after-care support.

In April, 1985, HIA 216 made some allegations that while resident at Macedon, she was subject to indecent acts by a member of staff there. The details were vague, as were the dates etc. She only remembered the name BAR 4. It has since transpired that there was BAR 4 on Community Service Placement from the Army during the summer of 1977. It is this person she is alleging committed acts of indecency with her on a fairly regular basis. They took place mainly on car journeys when he took her to his home. She claims BAR 4 kept her off school deliberately to have her accompany him. She has said she wants it reported to the Police in case he is still in a position of trust with children or young people. The 'Kincora' publicity awakened her own feelings about what had happened to her.

We have no alternative but to bring this information to the attention of the Police.

BAR 79

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Telephone conversation with [BAR 8] on Monday 18 October 1999

I telephoned [BAR] to clarify date when [HIA] may have disclosed information about [BAR 4]

[BAR] said [HIA] had left Macedon at the time and it was around the time of the Kincora scandal. News about Kincora had prompted [] to contact [BAR]

[BAR] had gone to [] [] and [BAR] [] [] [BAR 36]. [BAR] said [BA] did not think that any action could be taken. She felt she wasn't allowed to do anything. She had independently telephoned the Care Unit and [HIA] had been interviewed. No one had been in with her at the interview. It had been a bad experience for [HIA].

[BAR] believed that some actions had eventually been taken to track [BAR] [] down. (This triggered some recall for me that I had perhaps passed the concerns unto Lisburn Social Services to be checked).

During this episode [HIA] had also spoken of [BAR 2] taking her in the mini-bus and rubbing his hand up and down her thigh. [BAR] had asked [HIA] if this had gone any further and [HIA] e said no – but “if you go to [BAR 47] she will be able to tell a whole lot more”. [] was sure there was a sexual relationship between [BAR] and [BAR 2] [] brought this up with [BA] [] who said she had no basis to question [BAR]. [] ignored this and had questioned [BAR] who at the time denied any relationship.

Last week [HIA] [] had made a reference to [] [] screaming and yelling because of what [B] [] e had done to her in Bushmills. [BAR] has since reminded [BAR] of the time she asked her about [BAR 2] and her denial. She said she didn't remember ever being questioned by [B] [] – but would have denied the suggestion and still would – [BAR] said [BAR] was tearful. [BAR] said she remembered the screaming and yelling of []

[BAR] is of the view that [BAR] believed her relationship with [BAR 2] was of boyfriend and girlfriend and “not what he did to []”.

I told [BAR] that [HIA] would like her to make contact. [BAR] agreed.

Lynda Wilson
Director of Children's Services

c.c. [BAR 99]

19 October 1999

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STATEMENT OF: HIA 216

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): "Over 21"

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: Unemployed

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

I declare that this statement consisting of 1 page, 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.

Dated this 1st day of October 1985

(Signed) Edwin Alcorn

(Signed) HIA 216

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received

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I was three years old when I went into care and I was in care right up until I was eighteen. I had been living in Macedon most of my life. When I was about thirteen a new member of staff came to Macedon. His name was BAR 4. He was about thirty and was married with two kids. He lived in Lisburn. One day I was in the cottage alone with BAR 4 we were sitting watching TV. I was sitting on the settee and he came and sat down beside me, he lifted my hand and put it down the front of his trousers. He did this very quickly and I pulled my hand away straight away. He did get my hand down the front of his trousers for a split second and I was aware that my hand was on his penis. I got up immediately and left the room. I said I was going to tell a member of staff but he said that they would not believe me. A few weeks later I went to his home for Sunday dinner with his family. This was a usual occurrence for children to go home with members of staff for a visit on Sundays. I had gone home with BAR 4 before but I usually had been in the company of other girls. This time I was alone with him. On the journey back to Macedon he came via the Hightown Road and stopped at the side of the road. It was dark and there were no houses about. He started to touch me on my breasts below my waist. I told him to stop and he did and then drove back to Macedon. I had been to his home before alone and he had stopped on the Hightown Road on the way home but he had never tried to touch me. We had just chatted about his wife and his kids. These incidents happened when I was about thirteen or fourteen. I am twenty three years old now. I never told anyone about this because I knew nobody would believe me. The only other person I told before now was BAR 70, who was in Macedon with me when I was 17.

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HIA 216

On the 22nd December, 1986, I visited BAR 70 in her home at [REDACTED] Newtownabbey with toys for her young son.

HIA 216 was helping BAR 70 with last minute Christmas preparations when I called.

During my visit HIA 216 told me that she had received a visit from the Whiteabbey Branch of the C.I.D. in connection with the statement she had submitted regarding BAR 4

A female C.I.D. Officer informed HIA 216 that they had interviewed BAR 4 at his home in Lisburn.

According to HIA 216 the Officer told her that due to the intervening period of time between the time the offences allegedly took place and the delay in informing the authorities, the matter would not be pursued and no further investigations made.

BAR 8

BAR 8

Date Typed:
28th January, 1987.

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Dated this 22nd day of February 2000
G BOYCE D/C HIA 216

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I was born on 1 October 1962 and I am now aged 37 years old. Further to my statement dated 1 October 1985 at Newtownabbey Police Station when I was 23 years old I would like to add a lot more about BAR 4 to what I had said in the earlier statement. At that time I felt that the Police woman who took the statement just wasn't interested. I felt that I had been thrown in at the deep end and was expected to tell her everything the first time I had met her. I wanted BAR 8 my after care Social Worker to come into the room at Newtownabbey Police Station but she wasn't allowed to. In addition to BAR 70 I had told BAR 8 about BAR 4 abusing me. It was shortly before I made the first statement in my flat when BAR 8 had called to visit. Kincora had come up in the conversation. BAR 8 said to me that that wouldn't happen in Barnardos or Macedon. I remember telling her that she would be surprised what happened in Barnardos. When she asked me what I had meant I told her that BAR 4 had abused me. I also told her about an incident where BAR 2 another staff member in Barnardos had abused me. When BAR 8 asked me more about BAR 2 I told her to ask BAR 47 I always knew that there was something

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going on between him and BAR 47 because of the things he had done to me and the way they spent a lot of time together and the way they got on together. I was suspicious. During the time that I was in care with Barnardos I can remember being in Manor House in Ballycastle then Macedon. I think I was 4 or 5 years old when I first went to Macedon in Whiteabbey. I left the care of Barnardos and Macedon when I was 18 years old. During the time I spent in Macedon Children's I was sexually abused by BAR 4 BAR 2 BAR 1 and BAR 3. They were all staff members. I was also abused sexually by BAR 47 daddy during this same time in my life. BAR 4 was the first person to sexually abuse me. He worked in Macedon before BAR 1 BAR 2 or BAR 3 worked in Macedon. He was definitely there before the others. At the time I was in Hopefield Secondary School and I shared a room in the second cottage in Macedon. I'm not sure who the other girl was that I shared this room with I was sexually abused by BAR 4 in this bedroom in the second cottage, in his house and in his car. These are the only places that he sexually abused me. My bedroom was on the left at the top of the stairs next to the staff bedroom where staff would sleep overnight. I would say that BAR 4 worked in Macedon for months. The first that he abused me was in my room. I was dressed and was in my room alone when he came in and sat down beside me on my bed and talked with me. While he was talking with me he lifted my hand and he stuck my hand down his trousers underneath his underwear. I could feel his penis. He held my hand there. I was trying to get my hand out. I think he must have heard somebody and let go of my hand. I think he said to me not to tell anybody that no-one would believe me or something like that before he left my room. I'm not sure what age I was then. I would say that he was only working in Macedon a couple of weeks when this

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first thing happened. From then on I couldn't stay away from him when he was on duty. I couldn't avoid him. He would tell me that I was a lovely wee girl and that he wished he had a daughter like me. When he abused me in my room it was always during the day time because at night another girl shared the bedroom with me. When he abused me in my room there were no other kids about. There were times that I was off school because I was sick and there were times when he kept me off school. I wasn't sick. I believe that he was telling other staff that I was sick. When anyone was off school you would have to stay in your room and a staff member would look after you and check on you. It was always whenever I was off school and when he was looking after me in my room that he sexually abused me because we would be alone in the cottage. There were no locks on my bedroom door. From my room I could hear the front door of the cottage opening and closing. I would know that someone was coming or going. When he did come into my room it was quick in quick out but it seemed like forever at the time. I can't say how many times that he abused me in my room but I would say that it happened at least ten times. Whenever he kept me off school I would know that he would be coming to visit my room. I knew it was the only reason he was keeping me off. He would only abuse me once on each occasion that I was off although he would check on me at different times throughout the day. The more serious sexual abuse happened in his car. In my room he would come in. Each time I was in bed. Except for the first time I was always in bed because you had to stay in bed if you were off school. The first couple of times he lifted my hand and put it down the front of his trousers on his penis and kept his hand on mine so that I couldn't get it away. He never took down his trousers or pulled out his penis in my room. I think it was because he was afraid of someone coming. On other occasions he touched me all over while I was lying in bed wearing my nightie. He

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● didn't take my clothes off but he would pull up my nightie. He felt my breasts and around my vagina. He also would put his finger inside my vagina while I was in bed. A couple of times he got me to masturbate him. He would put his hand on top of mine to masturbate him. He opened his trousers but he never took his trousers down in my room. I can't remember if he ejaculated because I would go into like a daze and I wouldn't be concentrating on what was happening. I remember that I would fix my eyes on something else in my room. I was shit scared and I always hoped that someone would come in but they never did. Over this same time I was visiting his home in Lisburn. It was in an estate. It wasn't in the centre of Lisburn. There was an upstairs in it. There was no driveway into it because he would park his car outside on the footpath. His wife was called [REDACTED] and they had two children. One of them was definitely a boy. He had fair hair. One was older than the other but there wasn't much between them. They were a lot younger than me. I'd say about 6 or 7 years old. I'm nearly a hundred percent sure they were both wee boys but I don't remember either of their names. At the start [REDACTED] BAR 4 would drive me and the Common twins in his car from Macedon to his home for Sunday dinner with his wife and children in his home. The [REDACTED] and they were also in Macedon at that time. The twins went with me for about four times. It seemed like each week definitely on a Sunday. I don't know. The twins stopped going with me to his house but I still kept going on Sundays to his house. On the visits when the [REDACTED] went to his house with me he didn't abuse me. It wasn't until they stopped going with me that he started to abuse me. It was always night on the drive back to Macedon alone with him that he would abuse me. On the way there to his house he would drive through Belfast and Lisburn always. When the [REDACTED] were visiting with me he would take this same

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drive back to Macedon but when I was alone with him in his car driving back to Macedon he would take the back road from Lisburn through the country. There were few houses and you wouldn't see many cars on the road. I always remember it as the Hightown Road. He would stop his car alone this road. It was dark outside and he would switch the car lights off. Each time I got a lift home with him alone I knew exactly that he was going to stop his car somewhere. I was shit scared on these drives back to Macedon. I couldn't just get out of the car because it was pitch black. I didn't know where to go and I could have been running anywhere. I would be sitting in the front passenger seat when he was driving home each time. He would stop the car without saying a word. Most of the time he would start this shit telling me that I was a lovely wee girl and things like that. All I wanted was to get home to Macedon. There were no times on the way home from his house when I was alone with him in his car that he didn't stop the car and sexually abuse me. He would slide over in his seat edging his way over to me. He would then start touching me. He would put one arm around me resting his hand on my shoulder and that other hand was on my leg. That would be the start of it. I would say that I was alone with him on these drives back to Macedon on a Sunday at least ten times. It seemed like every Sunday for ages but I'm not sure how many times this happened. It started just the same way as in the home by him getting me to touch him and him touching me gradually building up getting worse. In the front seat together he would undo his trousers but he would take his trousers down or off. He would taken out his penis and pull my hand over and place my hand on his penis. He put his hand on mine moving my hand up and down in his penis, masturbating him. He also slabbered over me like kissing my neck when he pulled me over towards him. If I was wearing trousers he would put his hand down the front of my trousers inside my underwear

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on one or two occasions while I was lying on my stomach lengthways along the back seat. He was lying on top of me and forced his penis into my bum. Usually he wouldn't have spoken to me on the journey back to Macedon afterwards through Glengormley. I remember that he would tell me not to tell anyone that no-one would believe me. There was one time that he left me back to the cottage in Macedon really late. BAR 23 who was in charge of Macedon and BAR 8 were waiting for me. I remember that I had to go into the office and I told them I had something to tell them. I wanted to tell them about everything BAR 4 had done to me but he put his arm around me in front of BAR 23 and BAR 8 and said to me something like "What are you going to tell them". I just run out of the office. There were other times that he sexually abused me. It was in the living-room of his house in the same room with his wife who at there watching. Again this was on one of the Sunday visits. Their children weren't in the house on these 2 or 3 occasions. After having lunch in the kitchen we would go into the living-room to watch TV. While I was sitting on the settee BAR 4 sat beside me. His wife always sat on the chair opposite facing us. He lifted my hand and put his hand inside the front of his trousers after opening his button and pulling his zip down. He held my hand on his penis moving my hand on his penis underneath his underwear. He would also touch me in front of his wife. He put his hand inside my underwear and rubbed around my vagina with his hand although he didn't put his finger inside it on these occasions. His wife just sat there watching us and didn't say anything. She knew what was happening because BAR 4 had his penis out from his trousers when he made me touch it. She would need to be blind not to see. During the time that he worked in Macedon I can remember other staff members in Macedon named BAR 33

There were more staff members but I

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Touched her, you know feel feeled her obviously you know.

And where would you feel her.

Between the legs.

Right. Would that be under her clothes, over her clothes, or do you not remember. Both.

Probably both I suppose, yea.

Right. - And how how were youse dressed on occasions I mean with your clothes on or completely naked the both of youse or.

Never naked, no.

Right, one or both of youse.

Neither of us were naked.

Would she touch you. Would you get her to touch you in a sexual way.

Maybe once or twice that I can remember.

Would she have masturbated you.

Sometimes. As I say you know in once or twice (inaudible).

Would you.

I I I would do that to myself.

Right. - You'd masturbate yourself in front of her.

Yea, yea.

Over how many years, what's your earliest recollection of the sexual abuse with Virginia.

When I was injured, '78.

Uh huh. What age would Virginia have been at that that age.

She was 12, 10, 12.

12.

Something like that. She went away to America for a couple of weeks, I don't know if she remembered that.

Is your attraction with both sexes or you know when you're talking about children, was it both sexes.

(Inaudible).

1978. - Em with male and female children.

What now.

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No. She's more stronger than me. Yea she's proved it in the last couple of years.

Right. [REDACTED] goes on to say that em you moved house again to somewhere he thinks was Edenvale Gar, or Edenvale in Lisburn. Do you remember that.

It was in the same Estate was it, yea.

Right.

Uh huh.

And you and he continued to carry on.

There was gape, there was gaps there must have been gaps because I as I said I wasn't there all the time.

Yea.

I mean you're talking about months apart, probably, or even 6.

Ok.

I mean it could be even a year I didn't even find out [REDACTED] was ill until about months before she died and she'd been ill for over a year and I hadn't been anywhere near anyone then.

Right ok. But you and [REDACTED] continued sort of it may have been gaps but you continued to see each other while you lived at Edenvale.

Yea.

And he said that this touching carried on when you were in Edenvale, it carried on well into his teens. But then he said later on he didn't see you quite as often and eh because he was growing up and he started knocking about with the boys his own age and things like that. He says you also moved to a house in Rushmore. Is that right.

That was the last house we lived in.

That was the last house.

Uh huh.

Em he says that on one occasion he visited you there, do you recall that. He said that.

He, he probably did I don't honestly recall.

And he says that em.

At that time I was way out of it (inaudible).

Right.

Completely ga ga.

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Your sexual attraction towards children at that time, was there any distinction between male or female children.

Well there was only [REDACTED] on the female side and [REDACTED]

Uh huh.

Yea apart from your man French which I pleaded guilty to any way also.

Uh huh.

But I never ever did I sexually cause or put my penis near [REDACTED] at all.

Uh huh. I think it's quite clear that your the sexual attrac, attraction, motivation is directed towards male and female children.

Yes.

Is there a particular age group.

No.

Would that not have mattered, I mean too, for example some people are interested in kids.

Yea.

Prepubescent children.

(Inaudible).

Others aren't interested in that at all.

No.

Eh they want much, teenagers as such.

Yea.

Would that be the case with you or or do you not see any, what's what your specific interest was at that time.

I honestly I do not I don't know it was my mind I don't know you know.

Have you been in touch with any of the the foster children or the children you had took from Manor House.

Never.

None of them.

One did phone me up some time ago (inaudible) em from London. he phoned up. Yea from there he phoned up and said how I was and everything I I knew he'd got my phone number off Trevor I think and

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Just above your belly button.

Yea.

You're pointing to. - Just below your solar plexes.

Yea.

A couple of inches below.

About there, yea, yea. Yea. She could have seen that eh at the place any way you know.

Why do you say that now.

Well if I went on a washed or something like that or I came out of the toilet or the you know I got a vest on or something like that.

Uh huh.

You know I'm not saying that.

Uh huh but if you'd a vest on you couldn't see it.

She could have seen it. Well I I don't know.

Uh huh.

Honestly, the she could have seen it any time.

Yea but.

I could have been at the house and I washed or something and I came down the stairs, looking for a shirt or something like that she would have seen it.

Hmm. Sorry these tapes are going to run out so I'm going to have to finish that and we'll finish. - So what we'll do we'll we'll what we done before BAR 4 we'll terminate the interview for the time being, the time is eh 1351 hours and we'll swap the tapes, ok.

Yea. Fine.

CHECKED & CERTIFIED AN ACCURATE TRANSCRIPT OF PACE
TAPE NO T44296A INTERVIEW OF BAR 4
ON 12 JUNE 2002 BETWEEN 1306 AND 1351 HOURS

[Signature]

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Re: HIA 216
BAR 4 report/

On turning the above report and seeing the name BAR 4 connected with the Forces and Lisburn District, it jogged my memory and I can recall the following facts.

I commenced BAR 23 Macedon in February, 1976 and commenced as Superintendent in April, 1976 and terminated in December, 1978. It was during this time that I recall the following facts:-

- : A soldier was on block placement with Macedon from the Army Community Dept.
- : I do not recall the length of this placement, but it was months rather than a year.
- : He became much liked by both staff and young people.
- : He tried to motivate the boys into sailing and renovating the old greenhouse which was in disrepair at the bottom of the back lane of Macedon.
- : HIA 216 seemed especially fond of Steve. She would seek him out and ask when he was next on duty.
- : A vacancy for Assistant Houseparent came up at Macedon. BAR 4 applied, but was unsuccessful.
- : BAR 23 was disappointed that he was not placed. See attached memo dated 16.5.77.
- : BAR 4 left the Army.
- : As far as I recall he applied for a few residential posts in the Lisburn area. I am not sure if he was successful or not.
- : He and his wife applied to be fosterparents to the Lisburn District Social Services Dept. As far as I know they were successful.
- : The last position I heard he was in was as a Training Sergeant in the U.D.R. based in the Lisburn District. (1978/9)
- : He was English, his wife was from N.I. and he had two small children of his own at the time under discussion.

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which I believe was in the afternoon. I remember this incident very very clearly. I was in the office with BAR 23. He was concerned because the minibus was due back. I knew that BAR 4 had taken the minibus out with HIA 216. It was coming up to the time that the minibus was needed. BAR 4 came into the office leaving the keys in and was chatting with BAR 23 and I. I remember a purposeful knock at the door. The door was closed. HIA 216 walked straight in. This was so unlike HIA 216. She didn't like coming into the office. She had terribly low self esteem normally and avoided eye contact. This incident was different. It seemed a purposeful visit. She had something on her mind. She said to Mr BAR 23 that she needed to speak to him. She looked sideways and saw BAR 4 on one side of the office. She turned her head away. HIA 216 reddened. BAR 23 asked her what is it and Steve Phillips added what's the matter HIA 216 or something similar. He interrupted BAR 23 when it was actually inappropriate for him to do so when HIA 216 had addressed BAR 23 who was the Superintendent. HIA 216 went very very red. She wouldn't speak. I believe BAR 4 got up and put his hand on her shoulder and asked her again what the matter was and if she wasn't talking to him. She left the office hurriedly saying "It doesn't matter." BAR 23 followed her out of the office. She appeared upset and uncomfortable. I asked BAR 4 was something wrong with HIA 216. He shrugged his shoulders raising his arms and said he had no idea, that she was fine earlier. BAR 23 returned to the office and BAR 4 asked was she alright. BAR 23 said that HIA 216 wouldn't talk to him. He asked BAR 4 about HIA 216 being upset, how she had been during their outing and did he know why she was upset or what she wanted to talk about. BAR 4 said no that she had been in

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good form all day and that he had no idea what was wrong with her. Mr
BAR 23 was perplexed by this incident. I only saw BAR 4
once after he left Macedon. This was shortly after he had left in an
Army landrover sitting in uniform in the back. He whistled and waved
at me. That was the last time I saw him. BAR 28

Certified a true copy of original

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. J. De..." with a stylized flourish.

SIGNATURE OF

BAR 28

relation to small group living accommodation, by developing a Cottage Homes System in 1968/1969.

It also needs to be borne in mind that the first guidance by the Ministry of Home Affairs to Statutory and Voluntary Authorities was not issued until 1952 some 50 years after the Catholic homes in Belfast had been established. However, this Guidance was very much child centred and covered the concerns which I raised with the Ministry in 1972, so it had not been implemented in 20 years.

- 1.13** In July 1972 I was alerted by Divisional staff that Nazareth Lodge Children's Home had been allowing couples, who wished to befriend or visit children, to take them out without any assessment as to their suitability. I contacted the Mother-in-Charge to express my concern as to what had been happening and wrote to her in July 1972, confirming that couples and families should be approved by the Welfare Department before children in our care were allowed out, even for day visits and asking her to notify our Department in these circumstances. I also informed the other voluntary homes of this policy and our Divisional staff.
- 1.14** I have been unable to find my record of this as not all of my files have yet been located. However, this issue arose during the Hughes Inquiry in 1984, as Nazareth Lodge was one of the homes investigated by the Inquiry Committee and my letter was included in our submissions to the Inquiry. Also, the Nazareth Lodge witness acknowledged that the Home's staff was aware of the policy.
- 1.15** When I worked as a Senior Social Welfare Officer (Team Leader), 1967-1969, supervising and supporting a team of Social Welfare Officers, any concerns which they brought to my attention were discussed with the Children's Officer. With regard to the Home, the only concerns, which I can recall and which we all shared, was its remoteness and the distance from Belfast, which made it very difficult for parents to visit. Travelling by public transport could take hours and most parents needed financial assistance to meet the costs involved. Sometimes the social workers took the parents with them when they were visiting. Also, the Home was registered in 1950 for 80 places, by the Ministry of Home Affairs and consequently had all the problems of a large institution. In addition, there was a secondary school for the boys, provided by the De La Salle Order, adjoining the Home. This had benefits, as most children in residential care have educational problems, but it also had a downside, as it meant that the Home was a self-contained community and this curtailed integration in the local

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[REDACTED]

RE [REDACTED] BAR 30 RECEIVED
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[REDACTED] BAR 1

at Windsor Avenue is due to terminate her employment as Nursery Officer
Senior Residential Officer on the 30th November, 1977. She had written to our
to a post in Macedon. In view of [REDACTED] BAR 1 considered for a transfer
with the older age group, and the fact that she has a qualification, it has
been decided that she be transferred to the post of Residential Social Worker
Macedon, as from the 1st December, 1977. I enclose SSR 185. [REDACTED] BAR 1
will be reviewed after the customary period of probation in [REDACTED] BAR 1

[REDACTED] BAR 1

issued with a new letter of appointment, which
would state that there will be a new probationary period?

[REDACTED]

Enclosure.

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evil eye game or told ghost stories in Sharonmore. She describes how in Sharonmore BAR 1 could be kind on occasions. She also described being taken by BAR 1 to her home and nothing had happened to her there.

It is clear that the method used by BAR 1 in sexually abusing the children in Macedon using storytelling and games was not available to her in Sharonmore and therefore the sexual abuse ended. There were more staff on duty in a smaller Unit and she did not have the opportunity to stay overnight alone with the children in Sharonmore as two staff members were required to sleep over.

In the statement obtained from BAR 75 which both BAR 1 and BAR 1 were a part of, he details how he put a stop to BAR 1 telling her ghost stories by confronting her and instructing her that she was not to tell the children ghost stories. Quite literally he explains that the storytelling by BAR 1 was put a stop to in the Ballyduff Unit.

BAR 29 so alleges that she too was physically abused by BAR 1 in Macedon detailing two incidents. One where BAR 1 came into her bedroom in Macedon and sat on BAR 29 back while she lay on her bed, pushing her face into the bed clothes in an apparent attempt to suffocate her.

On another occasion BAR 29 describes how she was caught in a room with BAR 1 after other children had ran away. She alleges that BAR 1 threw bleach in her face from a bottle she was holding, then kept BAR 29 in the room until the effects of the bleach in her eyes cleared up after diluting BAR 29 eyes when she complained of pain.

BAR 1 also recalls occasions when BAR 1 would bath the boys together in the main house at Macedon including HIA 516, HIA 101, BAR 37, BAR 32 and BAR 31, HIA 516, HIA 101 and BAR 37 have all alleged that they were sexually abused by BAR 1 during bath times.

BAR 29 also refers to an incident when she and other children were involved in breaking into BAR 1 room in the main house at Macedon and trashed her room in vengeance. This same incident is detailed in the statements obtained from BAR 47 and staff member, BAR 75.

BAR 1 was interviewed on tape regarding BAR 47 allegations by Detective Constables G Boyce and G Eastham on 23 June 2000 between 5.19 pm and 5.56 pm. A transcription of this taped interview is attached at Part III of this report, now marked item GIBC1.

During the interview she confirmed that BAR 29 had been in her care in the main house at Macedon and then in the Ballyduff Unit of Sharonmore. She adamantly denied all of BAR 29 allegations of sexual and physical abuse in Macedon. She agreed that she did mention the devil in her storytelling and that the games were played around the house including upstairs, downstairs and outside in the dark just to amuse the children. She admitted chasing the children but explained that nothing happened when she caught them. She denied carrying a bunch of keys while on duty in the main house at Macedon. She

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

To be signed by
investigating officer

NAME

RANK

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Mr. P.J. Chambers
Miss O. Greer
Personnel File

Mr. Greer's (Miss) Divisional Office
412 Andrew Hall, Room 1, 0115 SDA
Telephone 0237

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10th March, 1982

BAR 1

BAR 1



I would like to summarize our discussion at Sharnore on 1st March 1982.

I understand that you are aware of the comments contained in your most recent Annual Staff Review and Addition, the substance of which is that your Project Leader and Group Leader have serious doubts as to your ability to operate as an effective Third Senior in the Ballroom Group. I have discussed your Review at time lunch with both Oliver and John and agree with their conclusions. From the evidence in this Review, it also seems to me that the likelihood of your being able to operate at the required level in the future is small.

In these circumstances I feel unable to recommend that you be awarded an increment on the 1st April next, and as you know, I have made this recommendation, with Mr. Chambers' approval, to the National Directors. They will consider this in due course and advise you of their decision through Headquarters personnel in the near future.

I also feel that you may be able to operate more effectively and may also derive greater job satisfaction from working as a basic grade residential social worker, and would suggest that you consider the possibility of such a transfer. In these circumstances the possibility of course continues to be at Sharnore, and your salary position would be unchanged. However, as a residential social worker your eventual maximum salary would be the top point of Scale 3, rather than the top point of Scale 4 as at present, and eventually would have an effect on your level of pension.

Perhaps you would consider this suggestion and let me know whether you wish to accept it. If I do not hear from you by Monday 22nd March 1982, I shall assume that you would prefer to remain as Third Senior.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Divisional Director (Social Care)

28 September 1982

22/9/82

30 SEP 1982

C. SCHNEEL BERT

BAR 1

BAR
R 1GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE TO THE BUREAU'S DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Further to the interview which was resumed on 23 September 1982, regarding the inadequate performance which occurred during the past nine months, I must formally notify you that this letter is a first warning under the Bureau's Disciplinary Procedure.

The inadequate performance was:-

- (a) The issue of accepting an appropriate level of responsibility in the absence of the Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader.
- (b) The issue of working with and controlling the young people.

The required standard is that of an experienced and qualified member of staff holding a senior position.

Within the next few days I shall, in consultation with your Partner Leader and Group Leader, inform you of the standard you are required to attain the time limit within which you will be expected to attain it, and the supervision and support which will be made available to you.

If you maintain the required standard, this warning will expire after a period of one year (22 September 1983). The length of this warning may be extended if you are absent for any reason other than for annual or statutory leave. Both an extension will not be greater than the total length of absence.

You should understand that it is normal Bureau practice not to recommend incremental increases for any member of staff who is the subject of a "live" disciplinary warning.

You have the right of appeal against this disciplinary action. If you wish to appeal, you should write within ten days of the date of this letter to:-

Miss M.O. Jackson,
Director of Child Care,
Dr. Barnardo's,
Riverside Lane,
Buckingham,
Bucks, Bucks.

Yours sincerely,

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BAR 1

VHC/PS

21st March 1983

BAR 1

I am writing to advise you that the Directors have agreed that your annual increment should be deferred. This is because you are currently under a warning in the Barnardo disciplinary procedure. The position will be reviewed when the warning expires.

Yours sincerely

V B Givan
Personnel Manager

C.C. D.V. D.C.
(C-4) D.V.

*Antonia Jones,
2444 E. 1st St.,
N. 4th St.*

*I want to tell
you something about 'Whisper' and I
have been afraid to write to you for a long time.
It will not hurt you to know
for me to tell you the feeling.*

*I have a friend
knows a friend of mine
and you know I love
you. I have found to having
you go.*

BAR 1

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BAR 1

BAR 1

Further to your interview on Thursday 21 July 1983 regarding the fact that there had been no significant improvement in:

1. Your ability to accept an appropriate level of responsibility in the absence of the Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader, and
2. Your ability to work without control the young people.

In consequence your annual staff appraisal reflected this. I quit formally notify you that in view of the outstanding circumstances I have decided to extend for a period of twelve months from 21 July 1983 a first warning.

However should you fail to make any significant improvement in your ability to undertake your responsibilities and Child Care duties this can lead to further disciplinary action.

If you maintain the required standard this warning will expire after 20 July 1984. If your performance is satisfactory you will be notified in writing.

You should understand that if it is found through practice not to recommend incremental increases for any member of staff who is the subject of a 'first' disciplinary warning.

You have the right of appeal against this disciplinary action. If you wish to appeal you should write within ten days of the date of this letter to:

Mr B. Bladston
Deputy Director (Child Care)
Deputy Director's Head Office
Riverside Lane
Barnstaple
Oxford
Gloucester

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I met with BAR 1 on 20 May 1984, at her request, following her resignation from Barnardo's employment. She wanted an explanation as to why her work at Windsor Avenue was included in the letter relating to the Disciplinary Procedure. I went through with her, the reports of the time in 1977, and the kinds of difficulties that she was experiencing in working with that particular age group. I indicated to her that if we were really considering dismissal, which we were, then we would have been taking all her work into account. She said that she worked hard and had a commitment to Barnardo's. I confirmed that this is still the view, that she is still a hard worker and a committed worker, but her difficulty has been clearly not being able to undertake the professional task that is now required. I talked with her about the whole change in child care and that she should not feel depressed that she is not able to cope with the task, as she is not alone. I reassured her that I was sure that a lot of her experiences with Barnardo's were positive, and it was certainly not our view that BAR 30 was 'all bad'. She seemed relieved and satisfied with this reassurance and she stated she felt that a big burden had been lifted from her shoulders, as she had been trying desperately hard to cope with some of the difficult children.

I wished her well in her new post and indicated to her should she ever require a reference, although I hoped her new job would be rewarding to her, that she should not hesitate to contact me.

BAR 79

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This is a copy
of the punishment
book.

The original
went to
Tony Cahel
on 2 Dec 2003.

Date	Name of child + details
Tue 6 th February 1979	I slapped [redacted] HIA 101 on each hand with a spoon for stealing cash from a member of staff (£30 per week)
Tue 6 th . Feb 1979.	I slapped [redacted] HIA 101 on the legs for selling money out of my pocket and one of my tins over a period of weeks. I think making his breakfast (the admitted to himself.)
Tue. 6 th . Feb 1979.	I SPANKED [redacted] HIA 101 WITH THE WOODEN SPOON ON HIS BUTTEND WITH HIS PANTS ON. HE STILL ASK OUT OF MY HANDS. HE ADMITS THIS.

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punished approximately two weeks after the alleged event and therefore his punishment lacked immediacy, and was inappropriate in relation to the offence which he accepted responsibility for.

2. Three members of staff punished HIA 101 it appears without consultation with each other or without reference to the Superintendent. Two of the members of staff involved are experienced residential social workers and one was personally involved in the incident, i.e. BAR 1. Their response to HIA 101 did not arise out of any sustained provocation and is completely indefensible.
3. Another measure was suggested by BAR 7 i.e. that as HIA had £10.00 in his bank book he should use it to re-instate BAR 1. Because of her own doubts about HIA's guilt, Jean has not implemented this measure and, until such time as his guilt is proven beyond reasonable doubt it should not be introduced. It seems to me that this was the only form of punishment which HIA 101 was liable for and, in the circumstances it was the only sensible one.
4. In view of the fact that HIA 101 goes to his Grandmother on a regular basis this incident should have been discussed with her by a member of staff as I have little doubt that she could have obtained the truth from HIA and made a positive contribution to resolving the matter in a way that HIA would have understood. It appears that this was not discussed with ~~Bar 1~~ until she raised the matter.
5. Petty thieving is a pretty regular occurrence in most children's homes and

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Director of Child Care's Office

5th July 1977

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**CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND DAY CARE CENTRES—
CARE AND CONTROL**

1. During the past few months there has been a considerable amount of discussion about issues of care and control within Barnardo establishments. This circular draws together many of the view points and comments received and it is now being issued

- (i) to give general guidance to staff and
- (ii) to inform staff of the support they can expect from Barnardo's if problems relating to the care and control of children do occur.

2. **Positive methods of control**

When a child is received into care and placed in a residential home, he may experience for the first time in his life a stable and consistent relationship with an adult. This consistency and dependability, within an atmosphere of open discussion and understanding of problems, may be all that most children will need to help them to maturity. It is this treatment of each child as a valued individual which will help adults and children understand and appreciate each other. Praise and encouragement for good behaviour and for real effort are more important and offer a greater return than ingeniously devised punishments which fit the crime. We tend to take good behaviour for granted and only react when our peace is disturbed.

3. **Undesirable methods of control**

It is neither practical nor appropriate to list all undesirable methods of control. The following examples are intended to be illustrative of the type of practice which should be avoided: they are not exhaustive.

If a child needs to spend some time alone for the sake of himself and the rest of the community, this should be for a relatively short period and there should be an adult within easy call. A frequent check should be maintained on the child's welfare. No child should ever be locked in a room unless it is in the D.H.S.S. approved intensive care unit at Springhead Park or Duncroft to which statutory regulations apply to the restriction of children's liberty.

Contact with a child's parents, foster-home or other members of the family, should not be used as a reward or as a punishment. If such contacts must be controlled it should be on grounds other than disciplinary ones.

Food should not be withheld as if it were a privilege.

The child is entitled to the appropriate rate of pocket money and the amount should not be used as a reward or punishment. This does not prevent payment of a sum by the child from pocket money he has received, for example, to make some restitution for damage done.

The use of sarcasm and bitter tongue can be as harmful and wounding as physical violence. It is also an unworthy method of control.

Mouthwashing for the use of bad language is an obsolete practice and should not be used.

4. Corporal punishment

Circular DCC/77/9/DCO sets out Barnardo's instructions to staff on the use of corporal punishment and limits physical punishment to an occasional smack for non-handicapped children under ten years of age. Staff should ensure that they are fully conversant with the Barnardo rules. The rules have been drawn up in this way for several reasons:

- (i) The use of corporal punishment within Barnardo's appears to have diminished considerably in recent years and in some divisions it has been discontinued entirely. Recorded instances in other divisions suggest only occasional and restrained use. It does not appear, therefore, that staff rely on corporal punishment as a means of control to any appreciable extent.
- (ii) There is increasing evidence that progressive thinking in the education and upbringing of children calls for the rejection of corporal punishment. In dealing with physically, mentally, emotionally and socially handicapped children (including young offenders) we often claim to be in the van. Whilst we retain corporal punishment there is an inconsistency here.
- (iii) In Barnardo assisted community homes (Dugcroft, Quints, Druids Heath, Knotley, and Springhead Park) corporal punishment has not been specifically authorised by the assisting local authority and it is, therefore, unlawful. It is also unlawful to administer any corporal punishment to a mentally or physically handicapped child without the sanction of the medical officer of the home. The decision to permit an occasional smack to a non-handicapped child under ten years is based on a recognition of the value to residential staff of having at their disposal an instant and informal corrective means which is used by many parents in the normal process of bringing up younger children.

5. Staff vulnerability and necessary precautions

As Barnardo's becomes increasingly specialised in its residential care, we are admitting more disturbed, difficult and troublesome children. From time to time, the behaviour of these children may tax the patience and endurance of less experienced staff to the point where they hit out in anger and frustration. Such incidents should be reported immediately to the senior member of staff on duty and recorded on the child's file. The head of the establishment should ensure that the incident is brought to the attention of the supervising officer on his next visit and the supervising officer will decide on an appropriate course of action. In the event of a serious incident, the senior member on duty at the time should report immediately to the supervising officer. If the incident were of such a nature to warrant the attention of the Director of Child Care (see DCC/74/15/DCO—Complaints concerning staff), the staff member would be told so that the record on his personal file at Headquarters could also record his comments and point of view.

Field and residential staff are equally vulnerable in some ways, but staff working in residential units have many more hazardous situations to face each day. Men are probably at greater risk from accusations about their behaviour made by both girls and boys, but the women are also at risk. To enter upon many situations which could appear quite natural may have dangers when they are shared by disturbed youngsters. It is, therefore, part of the duty and responsibility of each member of staff to watch out for these and avoid them or minimise the risks if at all possible. For example:

Car journeys, especially fairly long ones, taken by a man alone with a disturbed sexually aware girl—or a young woman driving alone with a teenage boy. Accusations made by the girl are exceedingly hard for the man successfully to refute. Advances made by the boy might be hard for the woman to deal with. Staff should not make a habit of wandering about the house, or go into children's bedrooms to say goodnight, or to get them up in the morning when dressed in pyjamas and dressing gown. It is natural and desirable for staff to become very fond of many of the children for whom they care. It is important not to show favouritism for one child over

another and we accept that without question and discipline ourselves not to show it. It is equally important that we are circumspect about the amount of physical affection we offer to children. Other children who perhaps feel left out or who wish to make trouble and do harm, can easily put a false construction on innocent acts. Staff should be careful to safeguard their interests in situations in which they are in close physical proximity to children. For example, it is unwise for a male member of staff to have a ten- or eleven-year-old boy on his knee, with the lad dressed only in pyjamas.

Staff should be aware of their own situation and a child's age, sex, needs and problems when having them alone in their own accommodation for prolonged periods.

Barnardo Council support

In adopting a policy of caring for more difficult and disturbed children, the Barnardo Council recognises the hazards which staff face. Staff can rely on the support and assistance of Council in all situations where they have acted within statutory regulations, within normal procedures, with professional responsibility, and with good intent. This support may include financial assistance in any litigation.

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

1. The only form of corporal punishment permitted by Barnardo's is in relation to a child under ten years of age and is limited to a smack on the child's hand with the bare open hand of the person administering the punishment. An entry must be made in the punishment book and on the child's personal file. No child suffering from a mental or physical disability should be smacked.
2. Any other form of corporal punishment is forbidden. The term 'corporal punishment' includes striking, cuffing, shaking, the use of a cane, strap, slipper, tawse or other implement, or any other form of physical violence.
3. It is sometimes necessary to restrain physically a child who is about to harm himself or others. Only such effort as is needed strictly to calm the situation should be employed. No element of physical punishment should be used. A record of such an incident should be made on the child's file.
4. Any breach of these rules by a member of staff will be investigated and may lead to disciplinary action which could include dismissal.
5. In making these rules, Barnardo's is exercising its right to apply restrictions to the use of corporal punishment in addition to those prescribed by various statutory regulations. Staff should be aware, however, that if corporal punishment of a type which is not allowed by the statutory regulations is used, not only are they in breach of a Barnardo rule but they are also breaking the law. A copy of the statutory regulations is kept in the school/home/centre/office.
6. Staff are required to ensure that any infringement of these rules is brought to the attention of the home/school/centre's supervising officer.

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BAR 1

Uh huh.

Eh he refers to it being located at Hazelbank.

That's right.

And that he would have eh been allowed back from time to time to see his mother and father and he mentions about his brother and sister actually being eh in Macedon and Sharonmore.

Uh huh.

With him. Now he refer, refers to Macedon that he became friendly with one of the female staff, being yourself, BAR 1

Not any more so than with any other member of staff, huh.

Ok. He mentions here that em they had a nickname for you, are you aware of a nickname that you would have been called.

No.

In Macedon by HIA 516 any other of the the residents.

What was that.

He mentions here we used to call her because she used to frighten us at night.

I told them ghost stories.

Right, was that, were you ever called

I can remember a remark, yes I can, I can remember them calling something like that you know, I didn't pay much attention to it.

Em he outlines in the statement while she was there she used to bath most of the boys at the home and I think I was around 11 or 12. It was before we went to the new home in Glengormley. And he refers to that as Sharonmore, would that have been right.

Sharonmore, that's where we we em that was our next place.

Ok so you moved.

Yea.

From Macedon when it closed down to Sharonmore.

Yes.

Now he outlines here that eh he would have been about 11 to 12 years of age, would you have had responsibility to bath boys of that age.

We didn't bath the older ones. I didn't bath the older ones.

Right, are you sure about.

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BAR 1

No I just told them stories, I'm sorry I ever told them any ghost stories, that's all I just told them stories.

Right. And would this, would you have told the stories with the lights off or.

I don't think so I think the light would be on. It was on.

Uh huh.

Not with the light off.

Ok, but he mentions about 4 or 5 other people being in the dormitory would that have been correct.

Yes I would have told stories to a group and we very often would have read the Bible.

Uh huh. Would they have been all in their own beds or together when you were telling these stories, would they.

They'd have been in their own beds.

Right. Now he mentions here specifically when she came to my bed she'd put my hands, sorry put her hands under the blankets and played with my penis until I took an erection.

That is disgusting, that is really is there is no I'm telling you I'm completely innocent of all that that is dreadful that anybody would dare to make those sort of allegations.

He goes on to say and then she would put her mouth around my penis again.

Oh my goodness (inaudible) (laughter). My goodness I never heard the like of it, he's real sordid. Twisted. That's dreadful.

Is there any reason BAR 1 to your knowledge why would make an allegation like this against you. HIA 516

Any reason. No.

Do you know do you know of any reason.

No I don't this has come so much out of the blue, I cannot believe it.

Was there any.

And I wasn't an enemy of his I wasn't it wasn't as if I made an enemy out of him you know.

Uh huh. - He mentions that I used to laugh because it tickled me and she would stop. This type of thing happened many times with BAR 1 up until we moved to Sharanmore.

There is no foundation for that, none whatsoever.

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She was always about, wherever [REDACTED] was to be honest. In the second cottage only one member of staff slept over in the cottage. There was only one bedroom there. The other staff would finish at 10 pm. I did sleep over duty on my own in the second cottage as did [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I do remember a hatch in the staff bedroom in the second cottage which led into one of the children's bedrooms. It was opened from the staff bedroom side. I don't remember which child slept in that next room. I was mainly based at the cottage I probably did work in the main house. I remember that [REDACTED] to me seemed eccentric. She struck me as an unhappy person. I worked with her but I didn't socialise with her. [REDACTED] was friendly with her. The kids did bath in the second cottage I would have went in and give them a towel and soap but I didn't physically touch them. Staff did encourage the children to bath. I would have run their bath for them. I can remember occasions when boys jumped into the bath together. The children nickname [REDACTED] I don't know where it stemmed from. She used to tell them stories. I thought they were ghost stories. I thought the lights went out as part of the story telling. I remember her telling the children stories downstairs in the living room. They were played in the evening time. It seemed to get the children excited which was the last thing needed around bed time. It must have been done regularly because I can remember them. I believe the children were frightened by the evil eye and the ghost stories. There was a mixture between kids being frightened and enjoying it. I only remember [REDACTED] being involved with these games. I can remember the kids running around in the dark. It was a night thing. I never got involved. They were of no interest to me. [REDACTED] was more senior to me and more experienced than me. She would have settled the kids for bed. I believe that [REDACTED]

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until it closed. I was appointed to the Ravelston unit and transferred there. I believe I worked there for at least six or seven months. I left to work in a children's home in Ballyclare. I got married on 7 11 81. At that time I worked in Ballyclare. I returned to work in the Ravelston unit around February 1982 when BAR 36 the project leader, offered me a third in charge post. I left Sharonmore for good in September 1982 to do a diploma in social work at Jordanstown. During the time I worked in Macedon I do not remember meeting BAR 3 I know the name but I don't remember him at all. I seemed to be working a lot with BAR 1 BAR 2 BAR 93 BAR 35 BAR 113 and BAR 9 I think they were the main ones. I was on duty in Macedon. I worked overnight with BAR 1 often. I knew her well. The kids did She used to give them the evil eye. I can remember an incident in the kitchen in the main house. BAR 1 HIA 101 said to in the kitchen that she was going to give him the evil eye. She glared at him. She pulled some kind of face. It all seemed like good fun. It seemed to be a control thing. Her way of controlling the kids. I remember that around bedtime when the kids were getting ready for bed, around that time. She was unsettling the kids around that time. I remember games going on, chasing after the kids, the younger children because the older kids would stay up after the younger children's bedtimes. My memories are that she played these games on the landings and around the children's bedrooms. It seemed like high spirits. She seemed closer to the younger children. The older children didn't really have much to do with her. I didn't join in any of these games and I don't remember any other member of staff joining in with BAR 1 and the kids. I would have heard the games going on from downstairs. I was trying to settle the

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BAR 75

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tackling her about this issue I believe in Macedon. It was made clear to her not to tell the children ghost stories. I can remember kids in the Ballyduff unit who had been in Macedon asking for her to tell stories. It was put a stop to in the Ballyduff unit. In 1981 in Macdeon bathing was not an issue. Staff didn't bath the kids, they were of an age that they could bath themselves. I remember that

BAR 1

room in Macedon was trashed. She was outraged by it. I remember going upstairs into her room and seeing it trashed. As well as the room in Macedon I know that BAR 1 had a house somewhere in East Belfast. I know that she had an interest in property. When staff were on duty, when they came on duty at handover times the keys would be handed over. These keys were for the office, foodstore, linen cupboards and more. They were a bunch of keys. I do remember that BAR 1 carried them in her bra. It was a joke among staff that when the keys were handed over by BAR 1 that they were warm. Her boyfriend, BAR 85 would sit in the car park in front of the main house in his car and BAR 1 coming off duty. I never saw him out of the car. BAR 1 was transferred to

Tara Lodge from Sharonmore. I had no further dealings with her after she left the Ballyduff unit. I remained in Sharonmore as group leader, then deputy project leader until I left in June 1986. I clearly remember an incident which occurred in my home sometime in 1978. I know this because I got married in October 1977. I lived with my wife in Belfast, then moved to Greenisland Estate during 1978. It was shortly after the move to Greenisland that BAR 7 visited my home with BAR 37. I was alone with him in my living room Richard was drawing and I was sitting beside him. I had just completed a course in Art therapy and I was interested in what children were drawing or painting. He had drawn an abstract shape. I

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me sometime later and we went out together. After the Kincora scandal broke, I broke our friendship off. He contacted me again when he was in prison and I felt sorry for him and visited him. I also visited him when he was dying in hospital in Coleraine. [redacted] BAR 85 never visited me at my work in Barnardo's. He was never in Macedon of Shannonmore and has no connection whatsoever with the allegations made against me or, to my knowledge, the work of the Inquiry.

Final comments:

22. I have been through a lengthy criminal trial and Court of Appeal hearing. My home has been attacked and petrol bombed and I have been threatened and harassed. I have found the whole ordeal extremely distressing and was greatly relieved when the lies which grounded my convictions were finally exposed and the convictions quashed. The allegations made against me in the statements of [redacted] HIA 216 and [redacted] HIA 101 more of the same outrageous lies and I deny each and every one of them.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed

Dated

[redacted signature]

10/12/15.

BAR 1

STATEMENT OF:

Over 21

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"):

OCCUPATION OF Senior Residential Social Worker

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, 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.

Dated this 1st day of April 19 82

R.A. Flenley C.Insp.

BAR 1

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I have known BAR 85 since 1960 and we

have been very good friends throughout the period of twenty years. It is fair to say that he was my steady boyfriend throughout

that time. For most of that time there was an understanding between us that we would one day get married and we became officially engaged two or three years ago. We would meet socially at

weekends and BAR 85 would take me to the occasional dinner dance and social functions involving the Social Services Department and on some occasions to the dances held by the Freemasons Lodge when they held ladies nights. Obviously on these occasions I would meet BAR 85

friends but I know of no politicians, senior Police officers, prominent members of the Northern Ireland Office, businessmen, etc.

To my knowledge BAR 85 did not know of any people like this.

At the Masonic Lodge dance for example our social group would consist of Joe's younger brother and his wife, his older brother and his wife, and his sister Ethel and her husband. BAR 85 was never

very well off because his job did not pay much. On occasions

when he was short of cash he would be reduced to borrowing five pounds from me although he would always pay it back. BAR 85 did know some

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: BAR 1

*"...various procedures were exercised. Somehow or other we don't seem to have reached a threshold of dealing more formally with her. Barnardo's are a very values driven organisation. I think particularly at that period of time there would have been a lot of effort to keep giving people a chance to see if they could do better. I think in BAR1's case that was a mistake."*¹³⁰

177. Such a view – that retaining a staff member was a mistake – may of course be held with the benefit of hindsight, without the decision to retain the staff member (even if disclosing considerable forbearance) constituting a systemic failing for the purposes of the Inquiry.
178. Barnardo's did not however undertake a risk assessment to assess [REDACTED] BAR 1 suitability to remain in Barnardo's employment (or indeed any protective action or enquiry) in response to knowledge that she was the fiancée of [REDACTED] BAR 85 who had been charged with, and was in due course convicted of, offences relating to Kincora.
179. **The failure to address, by way of risk assessment and management, the engagement of a member of staff to a person charged with sexual offences against children is accepted to constitute a failing: see paragraph 5(c) of the Inquiry's *Definitions of abuse and systemic failings*.**
180. Barnardo's has sought to engage fully and positively with the Inquiry process since its early stages, in recognition of the value that such a process could provide to both victims and institutions and in simple discharge of the duty placed upon an organisation by its past. That responsibility requires Barnardo's to approach the Inquiry in a spirit of openness and transparency, always mindful of the shared goal of safer lives for children.
181. For the organisation, engagement in the Inquiry process has been challenging, searching, and at times uncomfortable. Barnardo's remains willing to address any outstanding matters of interest or concern to the Inquiry not considered to have been sufficiently addressed in this written submission.
182. Above all else, Barnardo's recognises that the courage required of the individual victims who engage with the Inquiry is enormous. It is the fervent hope of Barnardo's that those who have engaged will have obtained a benefit from having done so. It is the courage of those victims that allows the Inquiry to extract from the past the lessons that still require to be learned; and it will be the learning of those lessons, to which Barnardo's is committed, that will allow children to lead safer lives in the future.

¹³⁰ Day 172, page 163.

INCIDENT REPORT - RE JANE HASKINS

19TH OCTOBER 1985

file

On Saturday 19th October 1985, Jane Haskins was left over home for her usual weekend home visit, with the agreement that she would be picked up at 10.00 pm.

At 10.15 pm I arrived at 74 Heywell Avenue for Jane, who appeared in good form and was prepared to leave. I had two other young people to pick up and decided that this was a good opportunity to give Jane a little longer family contact which she desired. Jane was pleased with this extra half hour offered and left the house to call a friend back.

While Jane was out Mrs Haskins informed me that she had allowed Jane to share a bottle of cider with a friend called Tracy. Mrs Haskins was also drinking at this time and had some drink sitting by the side of the settee. I reminded Mrs Haskins of Jane's Management Plan and her need to refuse her permission to drink.

I left to try to find Jane again and bring her back, with no success. After picking up the other two young people, I returned to Mrs Haskins's 10.45 pm. Jane had not returned. By 11.30 pm Jane had still not returned, so I decided to return the other young people, who had by now become very impatient and restless, to Havelston.

As I left the house Jane returned. She had created an issue with one of the other young people, threatening to have him set upon by people in the Shankill area.

She wished to say goodnight to her mother, I went into the house with her, whereupon she began to use the issue outside to attempt to draw attention away from the fact she was over 15 minutes late in coming in. She became verbally abusive to me when I pointed this out. Her mother also confronted her with her bad time-keeping. When Jane again responded with abuse her mother grabbed her blouse at the neck and pushed her up against the kitchen door, and shouted at her that she should treat her elders with more respect. I attempted to calm the situation but Mrs Haskins again grabbed Jane's blouse and pushed her onto an armchair. This time Mrs Haskins responded to my plea for calm and sat down on the settee.

Jane then began to make unfounded complaints to her mother about her treatment in Sharowmore, e.g. she was treated different on religious grounds, etc. Her mother became very ambivalent at these complaints, saying on one hand Jane was talking nonsense and on the other she would inform her Solicitor. Mrs Haskins was now very clearly under the influence of alcohol. I pointed out to Jane that after she calmed if she still wished to make a complaint there was a procedure, which she was aware of, by which she could do this. I then asked Jane to return to Havelston with me, she did so, but was continually abusive on the way back in the car.

On returning to Havelston Jane continued to be deviant, but finally settled in bed 1.30 am.

A Case Discussion has been set up for Tuesday, 22nd October 1985, to discuss Jane's drinking and whole attitude and our response to this.

Distribution:-

- 1 copy - Social Services
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Norman McGarry
R.S.W. - Havelston Unit
Sharowmore Prison

OCD 42

Criminal record

THIS PRINTOUT CONTAINS SENSITIVE PERSONAL DATA AS DEFINED BY SECTION 2 OF THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998.
THE PROVISIONS OF THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998 MUST BE APPLIED.

ATTEMPT TO PERVERT THE COURSE OF JUSTICE**08/03/1996**

FINE £75

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Belfast Magistrates' Court Number 1 27/11/1996**COMMUNICATING FALSE INFORMATION CAUSING BOMB HOAX****02/07/1996**

Imprisonment 4 MONTHS CONCT

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THEFT FROM PERSON**11/07/1996**

Imprisonment 8 MONTHS

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Kilmainham Dist Ct 21/02/1997**UNLAWFUL CARNAL KNOWLEDGE OF A GIRL UNDER 17 YEARS**

IMPRISONMENT FOR 10 MONTHS

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THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT -DUBLIN-EIRE on 04/11/1998**RAPE** Supplementary text - see 4 below.

IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 YEARS

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INDECENT ASSAULT ON FEMALE Supplementary text - see 4 below.

IMPRISONMENT FOR 4 YEARS (CONCURRENT)

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Supplementary text for court appearances**4 - THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT -DUBLIN-EIRE on 04/11/1998** COMMITTAL 030899 RELEASE 261104

SUB TO ART6 UNTIL 270310

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South Sefton district magistrates on 28/11/2005**DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH EXCESS ALCOHOL****12/04/2005**

FINED £100

DISQUALIFIED FROM DRIVING FOR 12 MONTHS

COSTS £80

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FAILING TO SURRENDER TO CUSTODY AT APPOINTED TIME**14/11/2005**

FINED £50

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end of court

Liverpool Crown Court on 14/06/2007**RAPE A GIRL UNDER 13****15/05/2005 16/05/2005**


INDETERMINATE SENTENCE-MINIMUM 90 MONTHS

SEX OFFENDERS NOTICE-LIFE

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RAPE A GIRL UNDER 13**12/06/2005**

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE MINIMUM 90 MONTHS

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BAR 24

The final paragraph in BAR 24 confidential report, I believe, relates to the huge investigation being conducted by Police at that time known as the Kincora Enquiry, centring on Police investigations into allegations of sexual abuse at Kincora Boys' Home and then numerous other children's homes throughout the Province. The media attention was huge and caused huge political implications.

BAR 24

I believe that BAR 24 made a decision not to inform Police at that time in order to avoid an investigation by the Kincora Enquiry Team into Macedon and to protect Barnardos from media attention.

BAR 46

As a consequence of this report BAR 46 was awarded £25,000 in damages from Barnardos in a civil action, which was awarded out of Court.

BAR 46

Finally with Police knowledge of the allegations made by both BAR 46 and HIA 516 relating to Macedon Children's Home came the disclosures in June 1998 by BAR 47 and HIA 101 that they too had been sexually abused in Macedon.

The investigation was reviewed and continued by Detective Inspector Anthony Mulholland and Detective Constable Christopher Nugent. Advice and direction was sought with the Royal Ulster Constabulary's Legal Services Department by Detective Inspector Mulholland in agreeing a formal method of approach to the former children in care at Macedon and Sharonmore, with the intention of preventing future criticism by defence barristers in subsequent criminal proceedings.

A formal letter was agreed, taking some considerable time to prepare. A copy of this letter is attached at Part III of this report, marked LW2. It was agreed that Barnardos would identify the children in care and would deliver the letters to each of them, with Police help in identifying their present whereabouts. When a response was either received by Barnardos or ignored, a follow up enquiry would be conducted by the Police.

BAR 39

All of the complaints received from the children in care, with the exception of those made by BAR 39 were referred to Police by Barnardos when the complainants contacted them in response to the letter.

The list of children in care was widened as disclosures were made to cover the complete timescale that each of the alleged perpetrators were employed by Barnardos in Macedon and Sharonmore.

The parameters were concluded as being between 1 December 1977 and 30 May 1984, for the following reasons:

BAR 1

BAR 1 started working in Macedon on 1 December 1977. Her last working day for Barnardos was 30 May 1984. Both BAR 2 and BAR 3 were employed between the dates above. Therefore it was decided to deliver letters to all of the children in care at Macedon and Sharonmore between the above dates.

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

To be signed by
investigating officer

NAME

RANK

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NOTED: 03/08/14 14:04

JOHN KEAVEY SOLICITORS

FAX: 02890 365124

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BAR 1

& others

BAR 47

& others C64-19-01 Part 1

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Form 21 AD

In replying to this letter please add

BAR 37

Number C2964

Name

Prison

CENSORED

Hi

BAR 2

I want to assure you that BAR 1 is innocent and it would not surprise me if you were innocent as well. A great injustice has taken place and I am the one that will come forward to tell the truth. Why? Because the Lord has saved me and changed me and put the truth inside me. I am sorry BAR 2 for the things I said about you. All I have about you are good memories. Who am I you may be thinking well lets just say you were a great help to me that day you took me to hospital after I fell off the roof. You never let go of my arm and I want to thank you. I really think HIA 216 and BAR 29 are lying about you because they are lying about BAR 1 I don't know for sure but you were not the type to do those things. I am going to have to get in touch with BAR 1 Solicitor. The others may stick to their story but I will not. Because as I say the Lord has changed me and I will not live with this lie anymore. I am sorry for where you are I don't think you should be here. Lets hope people believe me and the Lord loves you BAR 2 and can make the difference in your life and change you remember that.

BAR 37

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In replying to this letter, please address the envelope as follows:

Number C2954 Nam [redacted] ^{BAR 37}Kyle PrisonHi [redacted] ^{BAR 89}

You are going to be very disturbed by reading this letter but you must. Something wonderful happened to me since I have been here. I really did have a supernatural experience as the Lord touched me and saved me. I know I said before that I was saved but I was not. I have been truly touched and changed. You know [redacted] ^{BAR 89} I was a terrible liar I told so many lies all the time I could lie my way in or out of anything. I have to tell you that I am not proud but ashamed of this. Which brings me to the whole point of this letter. Oh [redacted] ^{BAR 89} I have told a very big lie that I must now put right I am not the only one to tell this lie I don't know why the others lied but you can be sure they are. I have to tell you [redacted] ^{BAR 89} the thought of no one else believing me because I have told so many lies in my life is a worry but I must do this. You see [redacted] ^{BAR 1} is innocent of any sex charges that she was convicted of. Rubbish you may say but I am telling you she never did anything like that to the kids. She frightened the kids she done the evil eye in dark rooms ripped me and really frightened some of the kids but never touched anyone sexually. Now why the others are lying I don't know but I will explain to you why I did. [redacted] ^{BAR 1} was the nightmare of my childhood she really scared me very badly and when I got the letter from [redacted] ^{BAR 13} I thought this was a way to get my own back on her.

P/O

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

BAR 37

STATEMENT OF:

Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 18 enter "over 18"):

Over 18

TO BE COMPLETED
WHEN THE
STATEMENT HAS
BEEN WRITTEN

I declare that this statement consisting of 7 pages, 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.

Dated this

3rd

day of

June

2005

Garth Brown

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom
statement was recorded or received

BAR 37

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

GARTH BROWN

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am known as [REDACTED] but my previous name was [REDACTED] I changed my name by deed-poll about 10 years ago. On Friday 3rd June 2005 I spoke to Detective Sergeant Brown from the Police Service of Northern Ireland at Maghera Prison. My prison number is C2954 and this has been my number from 3rd June 2004 when I was remanded in custody. Detective Sergeant Brown explained to me that he was present to speak to me in relation to letters that I had written to a [REDACTED] from Barnardos. [REDACTED] is an after-care social worker for Barnardos and she was appointed as a support worker for all persons involved in the trial of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was extremely helpful to myself through the whole process and sat with me when I gave my statement to [REDACTED].

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Annex

1. These are applications for leave to appeal against convictions by [BAR 1] and [BAR 2]. We grant them leave to appeal.
2. The test which this court is required to apply in considering whether all or any of the convictions are unsafe is this: do we have a significant sense of unease about the safety of the convictions?
3. Four matters concern us in particular: firstly, the presentation of the Crown case in respect of [HIA 516] and the effect of his evidence on the trial as a whole; secondly, the evidence of [BAR 37] the convictions based on his evidence, his subsequent retraction of his evidence, the demonstration in this court of his unreliability and the extent to which his unreliable evidence may have affected the verdicts of the jury in respect of other complainants; thirdly, the verdicts of Not Guilty brought in by the jury in respect of serious allegations by some of the complainants and the apparent inconsistency between those verdicts of Not Guilty and verdicts of Guilty in respect of allegations by the same complainants which are, arguably, inconsistent. Fourthly, it appears to us that the jury appeared unable to rely on the evidence of a complainant standing alone and relied on support from the evidence of other complainants, the staff and, it may be, parts of the evidence of the appellants. We have to consider whether, in particular, the evidence of [BAR 37] now totally discredited, tainted all or any of the verdicts based primarily on the evidence of other complainants but in respect of which, we are satisfied, the jury looked for support from others. That is to say, we have to decide whether we can safely exclude the influence of his evidence in respect of the findings of the jury based on the complaints of others.
4. We deal, firstly, with [HIA 516]. The charges which [BAR 1] faced in connection with his evidence were counts 1-12 and he was the first complainant to be called. We are satisfied that as the learned trial judge held, it was an abuse of process to rely on his evidence. The ruling of the learned trial judge is to be found at binder 7 of the transcript from pp. 2627 - 2630. The reason why it was an abuse of process was because the Directorate of Public Prosecutions had written to [BAR 1] in October 1997, having considered the file containing his allegations based on a statement made by him on 6 May 1997. [BAR 1] had been interviewed about these allegations and a decision taken by the DPP not to prosecute on foot of them was communicated to her in October 1997. The prosecution was then revived in 2000. No explanation was put forward to the court as to why the prosecution was revived. There was no additional evidence, no new basis for reviving the prosecution. To revive the prosecution ran contrary to proper practice and the trial judge rightly ruled that this was so. [HIA 516] evidence had been relied on by the Crown in opening the case, he was the

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Ref: NICC5342

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Delivered:

IN HER MAJESTY'S COURT OF APPEAL IN NORTHERN IRELAND

THE QUEEN

-v-

BAR 1

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BAR 2

BAR 2

Before: Nicholson LJ, Sheil LJ and Deeny J

NICHOLSON LJ

[1] The applicants applied for leave to appeal against a series of convictions for grave offences alleged to have been committed by them as members of staff of a Dr Barnardo's home, known as "Macedon", against children residing in that home. At the close of the hearing of their applications we granted leave to appeal and quashed their convictions. We gave an ex tempore judgment, outlining the causes for concern which led us to quash these convictions. At that time we undertook to give a written judgment setting out our reasons for doing so. We have concluded that it is unnecessary to expand unduly on the reasons which we gave at the time. But it is important that all concerned fully understand why the convictions were quashed.

[2] It remains our responsibility to determine whether there should be a re-trial of both appellants or one of them and on which charges, if any, they should face a re-trial. In case there should be a re-trial we consider that at this stage it would be prudent to say as little as possible, so as not to prejudice any re-trial, which this court may order. We have not heard the arguments to be advanced for and against a re-trial, which we will hear in due course.

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Ref: NICF5367

Delivered: 16/9/05

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IN HER MAJESTY'S COURT OF APPEAL IN NORTHERN IRELAND

THE QUEEN

-v-

BAR 1

AND
BAR 2

Before: Nicholson LJ, Sheil LJ and Deeny J

NICHOLSON LJRe-Trial

[1] The outstanding issue which we have to determine is whether both or either of the appellants should be re-tried. We have had the benefit of having arguments from counsel on both sides.

[2] Mr Simpson QC, counsel for the Crown, has adopted a neutral stance, neither advocating that there should be a re-trial nor urging that a re-trial should not be ordered. But he has rightly drawn to our attention some of the difficulties which the Crown would face if a re-trial was ordered. Firstly, a decision would have to be made as to which of the remaining complainants could properly be presented by the Crown as credible witnesses. He gave as an example [redacted] who in the course of her evidence stated that the compensation which she had received as a result of civil proceedings brought against Barnardos had been given away to charity. When she gave that evidence it was not possible to say whether it was right or wrong. But if it was true, it was a strong indicator that she was telling the truth. Subsequent investigation showed that it was untrue and her evidence was inevitably tainted. Secondly, it would be difficult, if not impossible to keep out extraneous evidence. Complainants were liable to give evidence which was inadmissible but which might prejudice the appellants.

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She clearly remembers BAR wearing BAR 2 ring.

Other staff members also remembered that BAR 47 did wear his ring and that there was a close relationship between them.

Staff member, BAR 9 remembered that BAR 47 was particularly close to BAR 2 and that she seemed to have an infatuation for him. It appeared to him that BAR 47 would seek out BAR 2 and looked forward to him coming on duty. He believed that BAR 47 seemed exceptionally trusting of BAR 2 and that there were concerns among staff in Macedon that BAR 47 was over familiar with BAR 2. He also remembered talking to BAR 2 shortly after his return to Macedon in the summer of 1979, voicing his concerns to him over his closeness with BAR 47. He warned BAR 2 that BAR 47 was a child and he was an adult employed to take care of the children. He recalled occasions when he witnessed BAR 47 wearing BAR 2 ring and that BAR 47 was attentive to him. He remembered also that she did treat BAR 2 by making him coffee. He recalled that BAR 47 was a quiet, almost withdrawn child, who had difficulty in expressing or sharing her feelings but she would talk to BAR 2 and share things with him, whereas she wouldn't with other staff members. He remembered that BAR 47 would have been jealous of other children getting close to BAR 2 including her friend BAR 29. He recalled that BAR 47 was particularly upset and disappointed when BAR 2 left Sharonmore. He described BAR 2 as her confidante.

Staff member, BAR 35 recalls that BAR 47 almost seemed to idolise BAR 2 that she would follow him about a lot and would regularly be in his company. She explained that it was noticeable that sonia had a crush on him.

Staff member, BAR 33 recalled that BAR 47 seemed infatuated by BAR 2 and that her whole personality would change when in his company. She recalled that BAR 47 did wear his ring when he was on duty. She recalled how their closeness continued in Sharonmore and that BAR 47 became depressed after BAR 2 left Sharonmore, event to a point of overdosing.

Staff member, BAR 28 recalled that BAR 47 had a crush on BAR 2 and that they appeared close. She recalled that he seemed to relate to her on her own age level by acting the fool, giggling and being silly. She explained that he seemed to like making BAR 47 feel special because of her bad background. She also recalled a time in Sharonmore that there were concerns among staff about BAR 47 diet and weight loss.

Staff member, BAR 113 recalled that BAR 47 would ask her when BAR 2 was coming on duty. She recalled that she did wear his ring and that there were concerns over their closeness as she seemed to have a crush on him.

Staff member, BAR 2 recalled that BAR 2 was very close to BAR 47 who dressed and presented older than she actually was. She explained that they were in each other's company a lot and that BAR 47 was almost like his assistant.

Staff member, BAR 92 close friend of BAR 2 up

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

To be signed by
investigating officer

NAME

RANK

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Item SLA16, attached at Part III of this report, is a handwritten drawing of the interior of BAR 2 flat as drawn by BAR 47. In her statement she describes the location of BAR 2 flat. She also alleges that BAR 29 went there with her on one occasion and waited outside for her.

BAR 47 clearly alleges that she was having sexual intercourse with BAR 2 in the minibus, long before doing so in his flat.

On Friday 15 September 2000 Sonia Adams accompanied Detective Constable Boyce to Rathcoole where she pointed out BAR 2. She gave directions and pointed out Block 13 Barna Square, Rathcoole. Then indicated that it was either the middle flat (13C) to the right of the front entrance or the top floor flat (13E) also to the right of the front entrance, which is directly above flat 13C.

Enquiries conducted with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive revealed that BAR 2 was the tenant of their property at 13E Barna Square, Rathcoole between 21 January 1980 and 15 November 1982. BAR 2 was 13 years old when BAR 2 first occupied this flat, meaning that she was under 14 years of age when BAR 2 allegedly first had sexual intercourse with her.

Item FG1 is an album of photographs taken by a Police Photographer, Mr Fergus Grant, on 16 February 2001 picturing the flats in Barna Square. BAR 2 in describing his flat gave the correct location. She describes that his flat was situated at the gable end of block 13 although she is unsure of whether his flat was on the middle or top floor. She is correct in describing that the living room overlooked a green and that the main bedroom overlooked the library. Most importantly BAR 2 has drawn the layout of the living room and bedroom. She has included in her drawing where the door and windows were sited. She has drawn a door between the living room and bedroom, meaning that in order to get into the bedroom you have first to walk through the living room. This is unusual for any home but BAR 2 is exactly correct.

She could not have known this unless she had indeed been there at that time because in January 1990 the interior of the flats were modified and the layout changed completely, including removing the doorway between the living room and the bedroom.

Plans were obtained from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive which are attached at Part III of this report and referred to by their Housing Officer for Rathcoole, Mr David Smith.

Item NIHE1 is a plan of the flats in Rathcoole when first built in 1956. Flat 13E is a mirror image of this plan, now marked item NIHE4, with the exception that the bedroom window is on the gable end wall instead of the front of the building. Items NIHE2 and NIHE3 are the renovated designs in 1990 which show that the hall was extended, removing the need to walk through the living room to get into the bedrooms.

BAR 29 clearly remembers the occasion she accompanied BAR 47 to BAR 2 where she waited outside for her. She too, on a separate occasion on 5 February 2001, accompanied Detective Constable Boyce to Rathcoole, where she pointed out BAR 2. She directed

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

To be signed by
investigating officer

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demeanour. Soon after his departure, we have a complaint about which is inadequately addressed and does not lead to any investigation. If there is a crucial moment when Barnardo's failed to address potential child abuse, this is it.

I attach to this report a circular from the Barnardo's book of policies of 22-6-1953 which deals with how allegations of "interference" should be dealt with. This reinforces the conclusion that Barnardo's management failed in its duty. This states "The superintendents first task is to find out the facts."

We also have potential failures in the recruitment of other staff, befrienders and volunteers

Recruitment is now completely overhauled. Both volunteers and staff members are subject to scrutiny in appointment and induction training and supervision. These include

- *Standard structure for interview to ensure consistency*
- *Requirements for references*
- *PEC's checks.*
- *Scrutiny of employment history for suspicious gaps.*
- *HR support throughout process*

The effectiveness of the PECS system should be reviewed.

5 Supervision (Child Protection Core Standard 6 and Supervision Core Standards)

- *Regular formal supervision at all levels*
- *Regular staff appraisal/annual performance review*
- *Formal procedures for safe staffing practice.*

Response – Without records of supervision or staff meeting it is difficult to understand how staff were viewing their duties and how they were trying to coherently address the needs of the children in Macedon.

This is especially difficult because Case files identify:

- *Regular reviews of children involving social work support staff and at times staff external to Barnardo's.*
- *Appropriate referral to psychiatric services.*
- *Incidents are also recorded in detail.*
- *There are examples of good work and staff working hard to understand and address identified and difficult behaviour.*

Having read the child care file and listened to the evidence in court, it is hard to see how the level of difficult behaviour, abusive practice or concerns about members of staff did not get linked together and addressed more appropriately.

A.K.D 2

FILE NOTE.

This note is a recording of a conversation with [BAR 8]
on the morning of Friday 11th April, 1980 at Macedon.

[BAR 8] reported to me that some months ago staff member
[BAR 2] had said to her that [BAR 46] told him
in general conversation, that former member of staff [BAR 3]
while in charge of [BAR 46] tried to put his arm around him and also
on occasions had tried to kiss him.

As these reported incidents took place some months ago, the member
of staff concerned has now left our employment (9.1.80), on considering
the situation in my judgement any well intentioned cross-examination
at this late stage might do damage to all concerned, especially in
view of the climate in the Province at present.

[BAR 24]

21.4.80.

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My hypothesis is that the level of incidents, low staff moral, political environment (D Lawther letter 21-4-80) management failure and lack of strategic leadership left a staff group managing a level of chaos that inhibited reflective practice to identify and address what was going on.

I do not consider our present practice requires further enquiry.

I can understand public calls for an enquiry into how the degree of management failure, as described by Judge Weir, occurred and how this would be in the public's interest. If it was to take place, I think the focus would need to look at what occurred within the historical child care and political context of the period. I have no doubt that a central theme of any enquiry would be the context of D Lawther's letter and this would inevitably link to what happened at Kincora.

6 Inspection (all inspection is underpinned by core and/or national standards)

- Internal and external inspection of services against core and national standards
- Self audits and sampling against core standards by line and senior managers
- Action plans based on feedback and monitoring of recommendations stemming from inspections and standards audits.

Response – All care facilities are now inspected by external bodies against defined criteria of safe and good practice.

Our services also self audit through core standards and CAIU further review a small number of services.

7 Empowering children (Responsiveness to Users Core Standards and Equality Core Standards)

- Ensure services remain child-centred and staff are child-focused
- Commitment to equality issues – e.g. talking to child in first language; age appropriate interaction; awareness of issues around gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability and race;
- Development of participation
- Commitment that disclosure of abuse is always taken seriously
- Formal complaints process including independent elements
- Independent advocates/inspectors to support children.

Response – Attitudes to children have, since the 1980's, changed radically as have greater awareness of equality issues and understanding of sexual abuse. This seed change in understanding has led to the above developments. These have also been addressed because of numerous reports of failure to protect children, including those in residential care.

“...that the level of incidents, low staff morale, political environment (D Lawther letter 21-4-80) management failure and lack of strategic leadership left a staff group managing a level of chaos that inhibited reflective practice to identify and address what was going on.”

147. Barnardo's accepted that when the decision was made to close Macedon, management focus shifted to the development of the new Sharonmore service. This shift in focus, it was further accepted, had detrimental implications for the robustness of oversight of the service to be closed.

The Ruddock report in the light of information now available

148. An issue now to be addressed is whether Barnardo's considers the conclusions of the Ruddock report to remain valid in light of information now available, including the quashing of the convictions by the Court of Appeal and the material that is before the HIA Inquiry.
149. It is crucial to Barnardo's that children who have been in its care know that the organisation will listen to them, will take their allegations seriously, and will be prepared to believe that which may at first seem unthinkable.
150. In the late 1990s, Barnardo's was faced with a pattern of allegations that required to be addressed by way of police investigation, and respects the decision of the Court of Appeal by which the resulting criminal proceedings concluded. The outcome of criminal proceedings is not however determinative of the issue of whether a situation discloses significant child care concerns.
151. In light of all the information available, Barnardo's has not attained a sufficient level of assurance that no child was subject to mistreatment in its care in Macedon at the time to which the allegations related. It is therefore the view of the organisation that the conclusions of the Ruddock report – which concerned not the truth or otherwise of allegations, but Barnardo's practice at the relevant time – remain valid. The decision of the Court of Appeal does not diminish the importance of the learning Barnardo's derived from the Ruddock report.
152. The Ruddock report however assessed Barnardo's practice in light of major learning and changes in practice that had resulted from a number of inquiries into child abuse and abuse in children's homes since the time to which the Macedon allegations related.
153. The failings it identified, and which Barnardo's accepted, may not therefore constitute systemic failings for the purposes of the Inquiry, where the behaviour of the past is not to be judged by today's standards.

SUMMARY OF (TAPES) RECORDED INTERVIEW

BAR 52

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repairs, and that he had a workshop next to coal house within Macedon. The allegations made by BAR 55 were put to BAR 52. He denied indecently assaulting her. He explained that her name meant nothing to him. He confirmed that he is known as Harry.

Q Would you have ever used Brylcream and brylcreamed your hair back years ago?

A The only thing I would have used was Sylvocream.

He continued to deny indecently assaulting any child. He explained that the children were never really allowed into his workshop and that if toys or skates needed repairing they would bring them to the door. Also that the kids couldn't get in because he was the only one who had a key.

Q Can you recall any incidents where the children were in your workshop?

A No. That's what I'm saying, I didn't allow them in because that was my domain. I could get bloody peace in there. I could get a smoke, where if I was outside I wasn't allowed to.

BAR 52 explained that he left to work in Standard Telephones Company. The interview terminated at 2 56 pm. Form PACE 21 was served and the tape recorder switched off.

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 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Common Law

- 13 Numerous offences of indecently assaulting BAR 37 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Section 62 Offences Against the Person Act 1861
- 14 Numerous offences of gross indecency with or towards a child, namely BAR 37 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Section 22 Children and Young Persons Act (NI) 1968
- 15 BAR 37 with another, namely BAR 1 to indecently assault BAR 37 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Section 62 Offences Against the Person Act 1861
- 16 Taking indecent photographs of a child, namely BAR 37 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Article 3(1)(a) Protection of Children (NI) Order 1978

The above offences do not include the offences of buggery and indecently assaulting BAR 46 between 23 April 1979 and 9 January 1980 as these offences allegedly occurred in Southern Ireland. I am uncertain as to how to proceed with these allegations, if at all possible, as the offences occurred outside the jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland Courts some 21 years ago.

When directing prosecution, consideration must also be given to extradition proceedings being necessary in order to resolve these criminal matters. It is very unlikely that BAR 3 will return to the United Kingdom in the near future. It is more likely that he will be located in another country outside the United Kingdom.

Recommendations regarding BAR 52

I recommend that consideration be given to prosecuting BAR 52 on indictment for the following offence:

- 1 Indecently assaulting BAR 55 see Davidson between 12 November 1973 and 16 August 1974 in the County Court Division of Belfast, Section 52 Offences Against the Person Act 1861

However I do not feel that there is a reasonable prospect of a conviction in this case as the alleged offence is largely uncorroborated and occurred some 26 years ago. Consideration must also be given BAR 52 years old in June this year.

OCD-29-(575pg) [BAR 1] & others [BAR 47] others C64-19-01 Part 1

161. That you, on a date unknown between the 21st day of January 1980 and the 27th day of March 1981, other than as alleged in charges 156, 157, 158 and 159, in the County Court Division of Belfast, had unlawful sexual intercourse with [HIA 216] who at the time of the said intercourse did not consent to it, you either knowing that the said [HIA 216] did not so consent or being reckless as to whether she so consented, contrary to Common Law.
162. That you, on a date unknown between the 21st day of January 1980 and the 27th day of March 1981, other than as alleged in charges 156, 157, 158, 159 and 161, in the County Court Division of Belfast, had unlawful sexual intercourse with [HIA 216] who at the time of the said intercourse did not consent to it, you either knowing that the said [HIA 216] did not so consent or being reckless as to whether she so consented, contrary to Common Law.
163. That you, on a date unknown between the 1st day of January 1979 and the 31st day of December 1979, in the County Court Division of Belfast, indecently assaulted a female, namely [REDACTED] contrary to section 52 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.
164. That you, on a date unknown between the 1st day of January 1979 and the 31st day of December 1979, other than as alleged in charge 163, in the County Court Division of Belfast, indecently assaulted a female, namely, [REDACTED] contrary to section 52 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.
165. That you, on a date unknown between the 1st day of January 1979 and the 31st day of December 1979, other than as alleged in charges 163 and 164, in the County Court Division of Belfast, indecently assaulted a female, namely, [REDACTED] contrary to section 52 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.
166. That you, on a date unknown between the 1st day of January 1979 and the 31st day of December 1979, other than as alleged in charges 163, 164 and 165, in the County Court Division of Belfast, indecently assaulted a female, namely [REDACTED] contrary to section 52 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

GENERAL:

I note that [BAR 3] whereabouts are presently unknown. Further directions as to prosecution of [BAR 3] will issue separately.

I direct no prosecution of [BAR 52]. In this regard the advices of Senior Counsel have been sought. Consultation has taken place with the victim, [REDACTED]. The offence happened in late 1973 or early to mid 1974. There is no other complaint against him. He is now 82 years of age. In all the circumstances it is not considered that prosecution is required.

Primary prosecution disclosure will be made to the defence following committal. Copies of the disclosure letter and marked non-sensitive schedule are enclosed.

Charges 1-165 other than charges 19, 28, 31, 44, 62, 68, 69, 76, 77, 95, 132, 137, 138 and 144 are specimen charges. The defence will be informed in writing accordingly. The committal and trial will be opened on that basis.

The Director's Consent has been granted in respect of charge 138.

Committal papers, Directions for committal proceedings, the police investigation file and a copy Direction Part I have been handed to the police officer in charge of the case and he should deal with them in compliance with Force instructions.

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BAR 79

BY MR MARKEY

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B Q Have you quite a noticeably larger proportion of trained staff in your residential facilities?
A We certainly have. I think the DHSS in their inspection report of Sharonmore suggested that it was probably the best qualified staff group in a home in the Province: an overall, out of 120 social work staff in post in the division, we have got 64 with an approved qualification by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, and 34 staff with either the Certificate in Social Service, which is part-time job related training, or another allied qualification in teaching or in youth work.

C Q What about the question of recruitment of staff and supervision? Has the organisation given its mind to those problems?
A It has, and I think the evidence in chief clearly illustrates that. Barnardo's has traditionally had a commitment to training, and had its own training courses, before national courses were set up. As regards recruitment, a recent development - recent over the past two or three years - is that we have been working with a Recruitment Consultant in looking at the introduction of psychosomatic testing and psychological testing of applicants to aid the recruitment process. That is an ongoing development. We work with this person on a consultancy basis to the organisation, taking various exercises. Recently I was involved in the appointment of some management posts, using the psychosomatic tests and group exercises and group discussion, and they all aid and supplement the formal interview situation.

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BAR 79

BY MR MARRINAN

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Q What explanation are the Boards giving you as to why there is such an enormous difference between the 10% and what you are actually paying?

A Because there is a system where the Boards are kept to very tight cash limits. But I must say that the Eastern Board have helped us by making a one-off payment at the end of the financial year occasionally, but we would still like it to be a more reasonable funding agreement.

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THE CHAIRMAN: You would like more money?

A Yes.

MR MARRINAN: Are these one-off payments something you can rely on, or does it happen out of the blue, really?

A It happens out of the blue. We always make a bid.

THE CHAIRMAN: You get it ex gratia, as it were?

A Yes.

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MR MARRINAN: You have mentioned already and I think it is quite clear that a very high number of your staff have appropriate social work qualifications. Why are there so many qualified people in your organisation? Is it because of the kind of children you deal with, or some general policy behind that?

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A The organisation traditionally has always put a lot of emphasis on staff development and training. As I indicated earlier, we had our own child care courses long before the former Central Training Council of Child Care was set up, so traditionally there has been that expectation. More recently, since 1969, dealing with the extreme handicaps, we feel that it is essential that we have the best staff to do the most difficult job.

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Q I see from your submission at page 11 in relation to recruitment, in the fourth paragraph:

"A member of staff employed by the Area Boards who possesses a CQSW in a Grade 3 Post, would have a maximum salary of £7,746. A member of staff employed by Barnardo's who possesses a CQSW in a Grade 3 Post would have a maximum salary of £10,716."

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Is that part of the explanation why your staff have such a high proportion of well-qualified people, that you pay more, to put it bluntly?

A That is right. I mean, we want to attract qualified staff so Barnardo Council took a policy decision in 1979 that we would pay them the same as they could earn if they were in field social work, because residential work traditionally in the statutory sector then did not have the high level of qualified staff, and when people did qualify they went into field work because the salaries were better and the conditions were better. We wanted to try and reverse it.

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SUPERINTENDENTS' AND DEPUTIES' MEETING AT TARA LODGE ON
FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1978

PRESENT:



BAR 79 welcomed [redacted] the new Superintendent at Tara Lodge, [redacted] the Warden of Deanery Flats, and BAR 33 from Macedon, to the meeting. [redacted] was on holiday and her apologies were extended.

It was suggested by BAR 79 that the Superintendents' and Deputies' meetings be opened in the future with a short devotional prayer.

1. WORKSHOP FOR HEADS OF UNITS AND SENIOR RESIDENTIAL OFFICERS.

The above Workshop was held at the end of May 1978 in Wadderton and BAR 51 and BAR 23 attended. Their resulting comments had been circulated to Superintendents and were discussed at the meeting. The main issues of the Workshop were the introduction of new staff to the residential setting and their development in the field of residential social work. This had proved to be a very valuable exercise and it had therefore been decided to hold another Workshop in 1979. BAR 51 thought there was a lack of staff in [redacted] in Barnardo's and suggested that this be rectified. BAR 79 then suggested that staff, under

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a Trainee Residential Social Work Scheme, could be appointed before vacancies arise in the homes so that they could be prepared for the job in hand. There is a Government financed scheme for young people up to the age of 19 years. As our staff are required to be at least 20 years of age the Government will be approached again to ascertain if they could finance a scheme for young people over 19 years.

Some of the PRC students are good material but are too young at the age of 18 years when they finish the course and they would either need to have a longer period of study or the age limit for the course would need to be raised. [REDACTED] BAR 33 having worked at Manor House, had found it difficult to adjust to her role at Macedon, as, although the basic principles are applied in each of the homes, the practical situation was completely different. It was thought that someone outside the unit should be employed in a supervisory capacity and with support from the Superintendents, additional attention could be given to new staff.

Mrs. Burden thought the In-Service Course at Rupert Stanley College was very beneficial but generally this was thought to be a course which was too generalised and did not cater for the individual needs of staff in various residential settings. In the future the C.S.S. course will be the only form of training.

[REDACTED] BAR 14

[REDACTED] felt that the most critical time for staff was the first three months after which it could be decided if staff were suitable material for the type of work involved in the caring of children.

[REDACTED] BAR 51

[REDACTED] suggested attaching staff members in training to an experienced residential social worker but that these trainees should not be considered as part of the staff establishment. The question was therefore raised, should we take the risk of employing staff at the age of 18 years and could these staff members be treated by Barnardo's as trainees, until the age of 19 years when they could then become permanent members of staff if they were found to be suitable.

1981 until the end of 1982 and found that visits were reported on pro formas as having been made to Sharonmore for each month from July to December 1981. During 1982 reports were only completed for visits in January, March, June, August and October. We noted that some reports were completed late. The pro formas for September, October, November and December 1981, for instance, were not signed until December 1981. The pro forma reports, the Project Register and BAR 111 diary, however, established that visiting was regular and frequent, with only very occasional omissions. Often more than one visit was made in a month and twenty-five visits were made during 1982.

11.19 We examined the relevant reports and noted the finding of the SWAG inspectors in 1983 that "while they (the pro formas) satisfy the legal requirements the advisers do not think that they contain sufficient detail to enable senior management to effectively monitor the operation of the project". BAR 79 accepted this and gave evidence that a quarterly report had been introduced since then which gave much fuller information, although the format of the monthly report remained unchanged. He also placed the statutory visiting and reporting activity in the broader context of Barnardo's monitoring of the Project, involving 3-weekly supervision meetings between the Divisional Director and Assistant Divisional Director.

11.20 As we have said in earlier chapters, we regard the reporting activity to be of secondary importance to the actual visits and we accept that BAR 111 did visit the Project on a regular basis and that monitoring was continuous and well directed. Nevertheless, we consider Barnardo's record on reporting to have been less than entirely satisfactory insofar as it fell short of full compliance with the letter of the 1975 Regulations. This had no relevance to the isolated offence against A4.

Inspections by SWAG

11.21 SWAG inspected Sharonmore for the first time in November 1983. The inspection was carried out by two Social Worker Advisers and extended over some four days. The inspection report ran to over fifty pages plus appendices and made twenty two recommendations.

STATEMENT CONTINUATION PAGE

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me either in Macedon or Sharonmore in 1981/82 that BAR 3 was a real fruity boy and that BAR 3 had tried to touch him up. He wouldn't elaborate on that comment and BAR 3 had meanwhile left the employment of Barnardos. As a result of this meeting with Andy I phoned Lynda Wilson, Director, Barnardos on 29 11 94 and followed this up the following day by letter.

A J GIBSON

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