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HIA REF: 101

Witness Name

HIA 101

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 101

I, HIA 101 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born HIA 101 on [REDACTED] in Belfast.
2. I am the youngest of three children. I have a [REDACTED] BAR 47 who is [REDACTED] than me and a [REDACTED] HIA 516 who is one year older.
3. My mother and father were both alcoholics and they were always fighting. I used to see my dad hitting my mum – there was constant violence between them. They mistreated us at home and couldn't look after us. I remember seeing [REDACTED] HIA 516 being sent out to the street to eat food off the footpath. My father raped [REDACTED] BAR 47 and [REDACTED] HIA 516 but I was never touched because I was the youngest.
4. I was taken into care along with [REDACTED] BAR 47 and [REDACTED] HIA 516 when I was [REDACTED] years old. I don't remember a social worker ever visiting us at home but the police were always being called out to our house because of the violence between my parents.

Palmerston Assessment Centre, Palmerston Road, Belfast [REDACTED]

5. I was placed in Palmerston with [REDACTED] BAR 47 and [REDACTED] HIA 516 on [REDACTED]. We stayed there until [REDACTED] when we returned to live with our mother on a trial

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basis. We were removed from my mother's care because she was going out drinking and leaving us at home alone. We were then placed in an emergency foster placement on [REDACTED] for a few days before being moved to Williamson House on [REDACTED]

Williamson House. [REDACTED]

6. We stayed in Williamson House for a few months while we were being assessed. They tried to split us up but then they ended up putting us all in to one home. I remember being taken to court and asked if we wanted to stay in the home or go back to our parents' house.

Barnardo's, Macedon, Newtownabbey [REDACTED]

7. I was moved to Macedon with [REDACTED] ^{BAR 47} and [REDACTED] ^{HIA 516} when I was [REDACTED] years old and I stayed there until I was [REDACTED]

8. Macedon was a big, old house with two smaller cottages on the grounds. I initially stayed in one of the cottages with [REDACTED] ^{HIA 516} but he tried to abuse me so I was moved to the big house then. I shared a room with two other boys called [REDACTED] ^{BAR 31} and [REDACTED] ^{BAR 32}. [REDACTED] ^{BAR 32} was the same age as me and [REDACTED] ^{BAR 31} was a bit younger.

9. The staff members I remember from Macedon are [REDACTED] ^{BAR 1}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 2}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 23}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 33}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 7}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 35}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 35}, [REDACTED] ^{BAR 8} and a [REDACTED] woman named [REDACTED] ^{BAR 36} who was in charge. I can't remember her surname. Some of the staff were ok but [REDACTED] ^{BAR 1} and [REDACTED] ^{BAR 2} were evil.

10. The facilities in Macedon were quite good. We were always warm and once a year we got a clothing grant and went out with the staff to buy new clothes. I can't really remember the food as even to this day I am not a big eater. There was a big recreation room with a pool table. It was just those two staff - [REDACTED] ^{BAR 1} and [REDACTED] ^{BAR 2}, who made it terrible.

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11. While I was in Macedon I went to [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED]. Half the time I didn't go to school. I can't read very well as a result. The staff would drop us off at school and I used to just run away. I would go over to East Belfast with BAR 32 and BAR 31 because their dad was connected so we knew we would be safe there. BAR 8 and BAR 35 used to chase us under subways all over east Belfast. They were the only ones who ever came looking for us.
12. Everything was ok for a while in the home and I was quite happy there. I was about ten or twelve years old when I first noticed other people in Macedon being abused. The first incident I remember is when I heard a resident called BAR 29 yelling at the top of her voice upstairs. We all ran upstairs to see what was wrong and BAR 29 was standing there covering her breasts because BAR 2 had ripped her shirt off. She was standing against the wall naked and shivering. BAR 2 was fully dressed and he just told us to get out of the room. The next day BAR 29 told us that BAR 2 had tried to rape her. I think BAR 29 would have been about nine years old at the time.
13. There was a staff bedroom beside our bedroom where whoever was on duty slept at night. There were usually two staff members on duty at night but BAR 1 lived in. She had her own room so she had free access to everything. At night time, BAR 1 and BAR 2 would come into our room and tell ghost stories. We called BAR 1 the 'Evil Eye' because she used to pull faces and try to scare us. She was an evil looking person. She would come in to our room, put the lights out and sit on my bed. As she was telling the ghost story she would run her hands through my hair and when she came to a scary bit she would put her arms round me. I would have been sitting up in bed in just my pants. BAR 1 would let yells out of her and put her hands under the blankets and grab my privates under my pants. I've lost count of the amount of times BAR 1 did this to me and I know she did it to BAR 31 and BAR 32 too because they told me. On two separate occasions, BAR 1 also inserted her

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finger into my back passage. There was a big corridor called the monks' walk and **BAR 1** used to hide there and jump out at you to scare you.

14. **BAR 1** also had a habit of following me into the bathroom and when I was in the shower or bath she would just stand there watching me. Sometimes she would expose her breasts to me. I also remember **BAR 1** forcing a resident called **BAR 37** to get into a bath with his **BAR 38** and do things to her while **BAR 1** watched. There was just one wee toilet but you had to pass the bathroom to get to it so anybody could see anything.

15. One night when **BAR 2** was in our bedroom with **BAR 1** I saw him take his penis out while he was standing beside **BAR 32** **BAR 32** bed. Our bedroom overlooked the courtyard which was well lit so there was a lot of light coming in through the window. I could see **BAR 2** was aroused when he did this. **BAR 2** pushed himself towards **BAR 32** as if he wanted **BAR 32** to touch him. Either me or **BAR 31** turned the lights on then and **BAR 2** put his penis away and left the room. The next day we asked to be moved to another room closer to the staffroom and we were allowed to. We thought we would be safer if we were near the staffroom but it became a regular occurrence for **BAR 2** to come into our bedroom, take his penis out and ask us to masturbate him. He didn't get what he wanted and would shout and roar at us and we would be grounded. **BAR 32** **BAR 32** told me he did masturbate **BAR 2** once.

16. **BAR 47** told me back then that she was being abused by **BAR 2** as well. One time she went missing from Macedon when she was about fifteen years old; she had run away. I went looking for her in the minibus with a member of staff called **BAR 23**. I had been in **BAR 2** flat once after Youth Club in Rathcoole Community Centre so I suggested we go there. **BAR 23** parked outside and went into the block of flats while I waited in the minibus. He returned with **BAR 47** a few minutes later – **BAR 2** has been hiding her in his flat. **BAR 47** didn't tell me why she had been there.

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They were engaged; **BAR 2** bought her a ring and everything but looking back he was clearly grooming her.

17. I got a bike one year for Christmas but I cycled it round the quarry in Ballyduff and crashed it and broke the forks at the front. When I went back to Macedon, **BAR 1** beat me black and blue with a big steel kitchen ladle. She accused me of stealing money from her but I wasn't even there at the time. I ran away to my granny's house and she phoned **BAR 8** **BAR 8** to give out about the bruises on me. I think my granny got the doctor for me because I was battered black and blue all over.

18. **BAR 8** was a residential social worker in Macedon. She was a lovely woman. She was like the mother we never had. She was always there to listen and she showed us affection. No matter what problem you had you could go to her. **BAR 8** went to her bosses about the beating **BAR 1** gave me and I remember being pulled into an office in front of **BAR 36** but nothing was ever done about it.

19. Beatings in Macedon were quite common – if you did something wrong you got a beating. It was mostly **BAR 1** and **BAR 2** who did this. I remember **HIA 516** took mustard in his dinner one night and he was sick all over the place and **BAR 1** made him eat it. Another time, **BAR 37** caught **BAR 37** smoking and she made him eat the entire packet of cigarettes as punishment. It was just constant physical abuse.

20. During this time **BAR 47**, **HIA 516** and I used to get weekend visits out to my mum and dad's house in **BAR 47** in Belfast. My father began to sexually abuse me on these visits. On numerous occasions he tried to get me to masturbate him. He would show me pictures of naked kids and of adults having sex. One time he said he would beat me with this big brown belt he used to wear if I didn't masturbate him. I was scared so I just did what he wanted and then he ejaculated over himself. He tried to put his penis into my back passage on two occasions; he was aroused both times when he

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did this. He pulled down my trousers and pants but I was yelling and I wouldn't let him. [REDACTED] was also being raped by BAR30 at this stage. I remember once kicking the bedroom door in and seeing him on top of her. She was lying on the bed half naked and he had his trousers round his ankles and his penis out. I went to BAR8 then and told her I wasn't going there anymore. I told her why and she must have told her bosses because I was never forced to go again.

21. My granny applied to take us for day visits then so we used to go her house in [REDACTED] at the weekends. BAR 8 used to take us there and pick us up again. My dad was a psycho and he used to send coffins up to my granny's house. The men would come with a coffin on a Saturday ready to take my granny's body away and my granny wasn't even dead.

22. A few months after we stopped going home at weekends, my brother HIA 516 first started to try to abuse me. He came into my room in Macedon and tried to get me to masturbate him. I didn't do what he wanted; I let a yell out of me. BAR 47 came running up and she beat the crap out of HIA 516. She trailed him down the stairs. BAR 47 and I always looked out for each other. After that, HIA 516 got into my bed at night on two or three occasions and tried to put his penis into my back passage. He was aroused when he did this but he never succeeded.

23. During this time HIA 516 would have run away from the home quite a lot and he got to know one particular [REDACTED] who worked in Whiteabbey. His name was BAR 12 and he used to drive a [REDACTED] car. He used to take HIA 516 out at weekends and one weekend he asked me along as well. BAR 12 drove us to his house [REDACTED]. I remember he had all his police medals lying about the place. I was in the front room and when I got up to bring my cup to the kitchen I saw BAR 12 bugging HIA 516 in the parlour. HIA 516 was bent over a wooden table with his trousers round his ankles and BAR 12 was behind him bugging him. They saw me and I turned and walked out. Neither of them said anything afterwards but HIA 516 gave me a look that I took

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to mean "say nothing". After that, [BAR 12] started buying [HIA 516] presents. He bought him a horse and everything.

24. Macedon was just like a meat factory -- people were constantly being beaten and raped. It was mostly [BAR 1] and [BAR 2] doing this. One time we were on holiday for the weekend in Portrush and something happened between [BAR 29] and [BAR 2]. [BAR 29] was very upset and told me and [BAR 47] that [BAR 2] had raped her. [BAR 29] didn't tell any staff members but I remember [REDACTED] coming up to Portrush and sending [BAR 2] home. Nobody in the home listened to us except [BAR 8]. [BAR 8] knew there was something going on but every time she went to her bosses they wouldn't listen. It was just brushed under the carpet.

25. We started to fight back then. [BAR 31] and [BAR 32] and I actually tried to kill [BAR 1] once. We put wires into the wall and tried to electrocute her. When I was about thirteen they started building the motorway so Macedon was going to be closed down. Things had gotten so bad that a group of us ended up wrecking the place and burning it down because nobody was listening to us. We focused on [BAR 1] room and absolutely trashed the place. We broke all the windows and defecated in her bed. They couldn't punish any one individual because everyone was involved. Nobody touched [BAR 8] office or the office of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as we only wanted to get at the people abusing us. [REDACTED] was a nice woman and you could sit in her office and chat and feel safe.

26. Macedon was closed in 1981 and I was moved to Sharonmore along with all the other residents.

Barnardo's, Sharonmore, Newtownabbey [REDACTED]

27. I moved to Sharonmore when I was about [REDACTED] and I stayed there until I left care at [REDACTED]. Sharonmore was split into different units and [BAR 1] was not in my unit which was a relief. She was in another unit so she had no access to us. Neither did [BAR 2].

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28. My mum was crazy and one time she came up to visit us in Sharonmore and she beat **BAR 47** up. **BAR 47** and I were very close so I ended up beating my mum up. There were staff around and the police had to be called. There was a great bond between **BAR 47** and me but not so much with **HIA 516** **HIA 516** got on like my dad; he had the same mannerisms as him so **BAR 47** and I never liked him.

29. I was abused by another resident in Sharonmore called **BAR 41**. He was about a year and a half older than me. I had my own room and **BAR 41** would come into my bedroom at night and try to get me to masturbate me. He offered to let me borrow his C.B. radio if I did what he wanted but I never let him. He tried to put his penis in my mouth and sometimes he would masturbate over me **BAR 41** used to go out to the fire escape, drop his trousers and masturbate. I saw him do this once when **BAR 8** caught him. **BAR 41** used to boast to me that he got another one of the boys called **BAR 84** to masturbate him. Over a three month period in Sharonmore when I was **BAR 106** would come into my room three or four times a week and try to get me masturbate him or give him oral sex. I used to wreck my room in Sharonmore to get the staff's attention.

30. Another resident in Sharonmore called **BAR 107** told me that a member of staff **BAR 42** had tried it on with her. She had been out in the minibus with **BAR 42** and she said he drove up a narrow road, stopped and put his hand on her knee and tried it on with her.

31. I have no complaints about the staff in Sharonmore. I was happy to finally be free of **BAR 1** and **BAR 2**. My key worker was a man named **BAR 43** and I got on well with him. He was from Ballyclare and he brought me and another lad called **BAR 44** up to visit his father's farm. We were always building trailers and things for **BAR 43**. On my 17th birthday, he was coming up to Sharonmore to give me a birthday present when joy riders crashed into him. He was badly injured and stopped working in Sharonmore after that.

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32. I left school at sixteen and did a Youth Training Programme in Glengormley. When I was about eighteen they opened up flats in Sharonmore where they prepared you for independent living and I moved into one of them. There was an Aftercare group where they brought ex-residents back to speak to us and they showed us how to cook and things. I left Sharonmore on [REDACTED]

Life after care

33. After the Youth Training Programme, I worked in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I was constantly getting into trouble because I was letting Barnardo's get to me. I got involved in trying drugs. I moved to Bangor and I heard [REDACTED] **BAR 1** [REDACTED] was living there and was running a hostel. My mate [REDACTED] and I found her address in a brochure and we went round and started attacking her house. [REDACTED] was not an ex-resident; he was a friend I had met while volunteering in a Christian coffee shop [REDACTED]. We had a lot of drink taken. We broke her windows, cut her phone lines and put beer kegs in the garden. It was in the news that an elderly woman was being attacked but it didn't say why she was being attacked.

34. It annoyed us so much that my mate and I ended up sleeping in the [REDACTED] behind her house, watching her every move. One day she called me [REDACTED] ^{HIA 516} – she said [REDACTED] ^{HIA 516} "do you want to come in and talk about this?" I flipped then and I petrol bombed her house. [REDACTED]

35. Staying in Northern Ireland messed with my head and I tried to kill myself. I had to get away from it all so in 2006 I moved to [REDACTED] and turned my whole life around. I got a job [REDACTED] and I met a woman named [REDACTED] and we got married. I actually met [REDACTED] in a Barnardo's shop. I always said I'd never go into a Barnardo's shop but that started to change my attitude on Barnardo's. [REDACTED] and I had a daughter called [REDACTED] but we ended

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up getting divorced [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

36. The police came over to Scotland to arrest me and I was convicted and sent to prison in Northern Ireland in 2009. At my sentencing hearing, the court was told about all the abuse I went through and the judge ordered that I get counselling in prison but I had to fight to get it. The authorities tried to say my offence was nothing to do with my past and they weren't going to provide counselling. It was just constant fighting with them in prison. I wanted to go back to Scotland when I was released in 2013 but Probation said I couldn't. I am still fighting with them now two years later. My probation ends this year so I am hoping to go back to Scotland to establish contact with my daughter.

37. I gave evidence at the trial of **BAR 1** and **BAR 2** in 2004, along with twelve other victims. We were represented by Martin Hart solicitors from Belfast. It was me who brought it all out in the open. After I attempted suicide in Bangor in or around 2000 I was taken to City Hospital and I told a nurse there why I had tried to kill myself. She contacted the police and I ended up telling a policeman called [REDACTED] about what went on in the home. I gave him the names of other people who had been abused. The police went all around Northern Ireland and over to England to interview everybody.

38. **BAR 1** admitted beating me with a metal spoon on the stand. **BAR 8** **BAR 8** gave evidence in court saying she witnessed me being black and blue after that beating. The trial went on for a few weeks. Both **BAR 1** and **BAR 2** were found guilty by the jury but then they appealed and a judge threw out their sentences because there was insufficient evidence and too much time had passed.

39. During the trial I gave evidence about ^{HIA 516} [REDACTED] abusing me and he was in court at the time. He started to cry and asked to leave the courtroom. [REDACTED]

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later told me that ^{HIA 516} admitted to him I was telling the truth. ^{HIA 516} told him he could be prosecuted for sexual abuse but I decided not to pursue it.

40. ^{BAR 47} was supposed to give evidence at the trial but she pulled out when she found out I was going to say she was engaged to ^{BAR 2} ^{BAR 2} when she was fifteen. We fell out over that and we don't talk anymore. My mother is dead and my father is in prison ^{HIA 516} serving ^{HIA 516}. It was ^{BAR 47} and I who went to the police about my father. ^{BAR 47} actually set him up in a pub in Ballymena and he was convicted.

41. ^{HIA 516} raped ^{BAR 47} daughter ^{HIA 516} when she was only about eight or nine. ^{BAR 47} knew there was something wrong with ^{HIA 516} but the only way she could get it out of her was by telling her to write me a letter and promising her she wouldn't read it. ^{HIA 516} wrote me a letter telling me what ^{HIA 516} had done and she drew a picture of a stick man and a stick woman. When ^{BAR 47} and I found out we chased ^{HIA 516} down to Dublin and got him arrested. He was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in Dublin as that's where the offence happened.

42. ^{HIA 516} then applied for a transfer to Magilligan to be closer to his family. That was part of the reason I came in to prison – I heard ^{HIA 516} was coming here and I came in to kill him. I promised my niece that I would. After his release from prison, ^{HIA 516} moved to ^{HIA 516}

^{HIA 516}

43. When ^{BAR 47} and I were going after ^{HIA 516} for what he had done to my niece we came across a book and we realised that there was a man running in and out of ^{BAR 1} house in Bangor who turned out to be ^{HIA 516}. We did a bit of research, tracked him down and followed him to his own house ^{HIA 516}. We knew someone who worked in a police station so we had him checked out and it was him. Then we went

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round the estate he lived in putting up posters with his face on them stating who he was and where he had worked. It disgusts me that **BAR 100** was linked to that creep.

44. In 2001, I took a civil claim against Barnardo's.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed

HIA 101

Dated 6 - 8 - 2015.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

[REDACTED]

PAST PSYCHIATRIC HISTORY

[REDACTED]

PREVIOUS PERSONALITY

[REDACTED]

THE BACKGROUND

He thinks he may have been abused by [REDACTED] HIA 516 but his only clear recollection of abuse is in the Barnardo's Home, which stopped when he was around 14 or 15 years old. It stopped because, "we started wrecking the place".

He says he left the home at 18 years old, lived in a flat in [REDACTED] and then was gaoled for riotous behaviour etc. More recently he has been charged in connection with the petrol bombing of [REDACTED] BAR 1 home. "She's had a grip on our lives too long". He had found out recently where she was living. Asked about the investigations by the police into this whole business, "at first nothing was happening. Now, it seems to be quickening up".

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CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL (PSYCHIATRIC) REPORT

HIA101 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FAMILY BACKGROUND

HIA101 told me he was put into care when he was [REDACTED] years old and he continued to go home at weekends until he was about [REDACTED] years old. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he recalled **BAR30** sexually abusing [REDACTED]

HIA101 said he last had contact with **BAR30** about five years ago when he identified him to police. He said he had never got on with **BAR30**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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He said that when he had been abused he felt scared and kept running away from the place. He cried when he was abused but "you knew there was nothing you could do."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that [REDACTED] were abused more than he was. "Nothing really happened to me." "I didn't understand." He said that over the years he had been "moved from one meat factory to another." He said that getting himself into a police station took him away from the children's home and the abuse.

He said he hoped the future would be better and that it would "rest my mind" "if I see justice being done."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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between the ages of [REDACTED] by two people at Barnardos Children's Home. It was noted that he had petrol bombed **BAR1**'s house. In November 2000 he was complaining of being unable to sleep, stating that he was getting one to two hours at night. He was feeling uptight and was given some [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "This is mainly due to the fact that **BAR30** who he maintains sexually assaulted him as a child has recently be (*sic*) rearrested and charged with sexual assault and possession of pornographic material." **BAR30** was violent and abused physically and sexually all [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He complained that he and [REDACTED] had been sexually abused by BAR30 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He describes two episodes of sexual abuse which occurred at the age of [REDACTED]. He says he was forced to fondle and masturbate BAR30 and was bugged on two occasions. He described regular temper tantrums at home, up to the age of [REDACTED]."
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OPINION

1. HIA101 confirmed a history of sexual and emotional abuse during the period he was in Macedon and Sharonmore Children's Homes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. HIA101 complained of depressed mood which would persist for months. He also described disturbed sleep and disturbing memories of childhood sexual abuse. He said he sometimes blamed himself for not speaking out against his abusers.

3. [REDACTED]