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HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY  
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being heard before:

SIR ANTHONY HART (Chairman)

MR DAVID LANE

MS GERALDINE DOHERTY

held at  
Banbridge Court House  
Banbridge

on Monday, 14th December 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 169)

MS CHRISTINE SMITH, QC and MR JOSEPH AIKEN appeared as  
Counsel to the Inquiry.

1 Monday, 14th December 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.30 am)

5 WITNESS HIA50 (called)

6 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

7 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Can I just  
8 remind everyone before we start that if anyone has  
9 a mobile phone, they should ensure that it is either  
10 turned off or placed on "Silent"/"Vibrate", and,  
11 secondly, may I remind you that no photography is  
12 permitted either here in the chamber or anywhere on the  
13 Inquiry premises.

14 Yes, Ms Smith?

15 MS SMITH: Good morning, Chairman, Panel Members, ladies and  
16 gentlemen. Our first witness today is HIA50. He is  
17 "HIA50".

18 Before HIA50 proceeds to give his evidence there are  
19 a number of appearances to be announced Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Mr Boyd?

21 MR BOYD: Good morning, Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel.  
22 I appear for SPT64, instructed by McLaughlin & Company  
23 Solicitors.

24 MR DUFFY: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, my name is  
25 Duffy. I appear on behalf of HIA designation 516.

1 I~appear along with my learned friend Mr Mark McGarrity.  
2 I'm instructed by Mr McCann of Hart Coyle Collins  
3 Solicitors, who is also present.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Duffy.

5 MR IRVINE: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, I appear on  
6 behalf of BAR8, instructed by Mr Dougan, solicitor, who  
7 is also present. My name is Irvine.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Irvine.

9 MS SMITH: Chairman, HIA50 has given evidence twice before  
10 the Inquiry on Day 68, which was 18th November 2014, in  
11 respect of Rubane, and the transcript of his evidence in  
12 respect of that can be found at page 57 through to 116,  
13 and at page 112 he also did speak about his time in  
14 St.~Pat's on that occasion. Then he spoke to us again  
15 on Day 90 about his time in Nazareth Lodge in Belfast.  
16 That was 28th January 2015. The transcript covers that  
17 at pages 20 to 59.

18 As HIA50 has given evidence on two previous  
19 occasions there's no need for him to take the oath  
20 again, and HIA50 does wish to maintain his anonymity  
21 that the Inquiry has afforded him. Isn't that correct,  
22 HIA50?

23 **A. That's correct, yes.**

24 Q. Today we are going to speak about HIA50's time in  
25 Barnardo's. He also spoke on the last occasion about

1 the fact that he had been in Lisnevin, but had no real  
2 complaint to make about his time there. He is also  
3 going to tell us about his time in St. Pat's.

4 I am going to tell you where there are various  
5 documents in relation to his evidence in our bundles of  
6 evidence.

7 His statement can be found at BAR-029 to 043.

8 The Barnardo's response statement is at BAR-076 to  
9 099. There's a bundle of material from BAR-12994 to  
10 12588.

11 The DLS response is -- in respect of St. Pat's is at  
12 SPT437, but should be read in conjunction with their  
13 response in relation to his time at Rubane, which is at  
14 RUB4314 to 4451, which included exhibits.

15 The DoJ response is at SPT135 to 13... -- sorry --  
16 1351 to 1353, and DoJ material about St. Pat's and  
17 Lisnevin is at SPT45243 to 45733.

18 The Health & Social Care Board response in respect  
19 of Barnardo's is at 259. That should be BAR-25... --  
20 295 to 346.

21 There is Social Services' material at BAR-10001 to  
22 10116 and again at 11738 to 12658.

23 The Inquiry has received statements of evidence,  
24 which I will be referring to. One is from a lady BAR8  
25 at BAR-1018 to 1020, and a second statement at 2502 to

1 2503. A statement of SPT64 is at SPT2214 to  
2 2215.

3 There is police material at BAR-3... -- sorry --  
4 7331 to 7540, 7811 to 7835, and there's civil claim  
5 material at 13185 to 13204.

6 Now although I have used full names of people, HIA50  
7 is aware from his appearances on the last occasion that  
8 any names that are used inside the chamber must not be  
9 used outside, as it would be a breach of the Restriction  
10 Order that the Inquiry has given to protect everyone's  
11 anonymity.

12 Now, HIA50, you can see that your witness statement  
13 is back on the screen in front of us. It details the  
14 various institutions in which you spent time as a child.  
15 You were in Barnardo's Sharonmore from [REDACTED]  
16 until [REDACTED] and you then went to St. Pat's.

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 **Q.** You were there until [REDACTED], when you were then  
19 remanded to Lisnevin, but went back to Sharonmore on  
20 [REDACTED] until the -- you absconded on [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED], and you returned to live with your family on  
22 [REDACTED]

23 Now if we go to paragraph 29 of your statement,  
24 please, which is at 036, paragraph 29 there you describe  
25 how you were raped in Sharonmore Barnardo's by HIA516.

1 Again I am using names that aren't to be used outside  
2 the chamber. You say:

3 "He was an ex-resident, but he was not supposed to  
4 be anywhere near Barnardo's. For some reason he still  
5 got access. His excuse was that he was visiting [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED], who was a resident in the home."

7 You describe him as [REDACTED] " with [REDACTED] hair. You say  
8 he was sectarian and bitter towards Roman Catholics.  
9 At paragraph 30 you say that he threatened to throw you  
10 on the bonfire on the 11th night if you didn't do what  
11 he told you to do. You say that you were Catholic  
12 staying in the area that was 95% Protestant, and he told  
13 you to do as he said or there would be people in  
14 Carryduff interested in your religion, and you would be  
15 burnt on top of the bonfire, and therefore you agreed to  
16 do everything that he asked you to do.

17 You go on to say that he was convicted and sent to  
18 prison for rape. You go on to talk about that, but you  
19 say that Barnardo's was the only place out of the three  
20 establishments where you were raped that you didn't make  
21 a statement to police. You thought there was little  
22 point in going to police to make a statement against him  
23 when the judge would simply run it into the sentence he  
24 was already serving and would not have given any extra  
25 time.

1           Now you did speak to the police, HIA50, as we know,  
2           in 2012, and there's a record of that at BAR-7333 to  
3           7334. You -- at that stage you did tell the police you  
4           didn't see any point in proceeding with the statement  
5           against HIA516, because nothing more was going to happen  
6           to him. Isn't that correct?

7   **A. It wasn't the case of me not wanting to give**  
8   **a statement. It was a case of me discussing with the**  
9   **PSNI over a table that -- I knew nothing about this.**  
10   **They had told me that he and [REDACTED] had been found**  
11   **guilty reference [REDACTED] somewhere in [REDACTED] or**  
12   **whatever, and that a Catholic Church was paying that**  
13   **[REDACTED] at that time £5000 per week. The police --**  
14   **I didn't know any of this. This all come from the**  
15   **police. So I says, "Well, what is your impress...?"**  
16   **"[REDACTED]."** That's all I was told. I says, "Well,  
17   **is there really any point in me making a statement for**  
18   **the statement to go -- go to court and the judge run it**  
19   **in with the sentence that he was already doing?"**  
20   **I mean --**

21   **Q. That was why you didn't proceed with it, HIA50. Isn't**  
22   **that right?**

23   **A. That's correct.**

24   **Q. HIA50, so just to let you know just this morning after**  
25   **I spoke to you I have been given a draft witness**

1 statement from HIA516. In that statement he gives --  
2 makes various comments, but he responds to your  
3 allegations and simply denies them. He said that:

4 "I categorically deny that I engaged in the conduct  
5 alleged. I did not rape HIA50. I did not deal with him  
6 in the manner alleged. I did not utter the threatening  
7 remarks that are attributed to me and the allegations  
8 made against me by HIA50 are false and entirely without  
9 foundation."

10 Now he has not signed that, but I understand that we  
11 will be receiving a signed statement from him over the  
12 next few days, but that is what he will be saying in  
13 that statement of his.

14 **A. Whether the statement's been signed or not, he is**  
15 **a monster, a sectarian monster. There was him. There**  
16 **was [REDACTED]. There was HIA101 and there was HIA516,**  
17 **[REDACTED]. HIA516 turned up one night -- one**  
18 **evening. I can remember it, because there's no smoking**  
19 **allowed, only in the designated area, which happened to**  
20 **be the laundry room, launderette, close to the back door**  
21 **basically. I remember [BAR98] coming out and**  
22 **saying, "HIA516, you know you're not supposed to be**  
23 **here", and he responded and says, "Well, I'm down to see**  
24 **[REDACTED]", which was HIA101, [REDACTED].**  
25 **He lived there. HIA516 was there as a resident at one**

1 time, but he had gone elsewhere or whatever. At the  
2 start a very incon... -- he was just scary, scary, scary  
3 person to look at. I felt frightened of him, very, very  
4 frightened of him.

5 Q. That's why you let him do what you say that he did to  
6 you. Isn't that right?

7 A. Absolutely. They, you know -- the detail that we spoke  
8 about today, you know, there's nothing -- there's  
9 nothing in it, you know. It doesn't go into a lot of  
10 detail. I mean, I remember BAR36, I remember **BAR99**  
11 **██████████** and I remember speaking to **██████████**, BAR13.

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. And --

14 Q. I'll come on to that in a moment, HIA50, but certainly  
15 as regards what you say that HIA516 did to you, you  
16 later did speak to a psychiatrist whenever you were  
17 bringing a civil claim against Barnardo's. I am not  
18 going to open this up, but you gave him details about  
19 the abuse when you spoke to him, and that can be seen at  
20 BAR-13196. Now I don't need to pull it up, but you give  
21 more details of the allegation when you spoke to that  
22 psychiatrist.

23 A. It started off in the launderette --

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. -- with his hands down my front, my privates, and there

1 was a time that he gave me to be over -- you had  
2 8 Ravelston Parade, which was Ravelston, which was  
3 Sharonmore. Then you had the admin block. Then you had  
4 something similar of a home that did belong to  
5 Barnardo's. It was the exact same layout as the one  
6 Sharonmore was, but there weren't the numbers -- the  
7 numbers weren't there. Basically to have two or three  
8 people -- two or three children in there, it would have  
9 been inappropriate to put staff in there. It would just  
10 be stupid. So they closed that part down, you know.

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. It's -- you could still get access to it. It was  
13 wasted. Others residents were able to get access to  
14 that.

15 Q. And that's where this abuse happened?

16 A. This incident took place. I'll never forget it. The  
17 gate opened and the pants, a grey pair -- a grey pair of  
18 pants. I reported this.

19 Q. Yes. I'm going come on to that, HIA50, but if I can  
20 just go back to your statement here, it says that you  
21 did report the incident to a [REDACTED] BAR8 --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- who worked within Barnardo's, and it was [REDACTED] duty to  
24 report that type of incident.

25 "It is my understanding that [REDACTED] reported the matter

1 to a community police officer named Gerry Agnew based in  
2 Glengormley."

3 **A. That's correct.**

4 Q. If we could scroll on down, please, you go on to say:

5 "I was never, however, asked to make a statement at  
6 any stage about what HIA516 had done to me."

7 Now you told the police, when you spoke to them in  
8 2012, that you thought you had made a statement to Gerry  
9 Agnew --

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. -- back in [REDACTED]. You know, HIA50, from the conversation  
12 that I had with you a short while ago that there is  
13 a file relating to you from [REDACTED], the details of which  
14 I don't need to go into, but it is nothing to do with  
15 this incident with HIA516. It was involving you and  
16 a girl --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- [REDACTED], and that -- just so the Panel know that those  
19 papers can be seen at BAR-7833, where you spoke to  
20 police and that was when you were St. Pat's, but again  
21 it was nothing to do with HIA516, and there's nothing in  
22 the police papers that we have seen to show and the  
23 police weren't able to find anything when you spoke to  
24 them in 2012 to show that you had spoken to Gerry Agnew  
25 or made a statement about HIA516 back in [REDACTED]. As

1 I say, although you were talking to police in [REDACTED], that  
2 wasn't what you were talking about at the time.

3 **A. This whole -- this is -- you know, when I was speaking**  
4 **to yourself earlier on, this has just tore me apart on**  
5 **what Barnardo's have to say of my allegations, my**  
6 **absconding, etc, etc, etc, you know, and as I say, one**  
7 **asks: "Why does a person continue to abscond?"**

8 Q. Let me come back to that, if I may, HIA50.

9 **A. The last straw here, which is -- the last thing here,**  
10 **which is in front of me -- I don't even need to see it,**  
11 **because I can remember it very, very well -- reference**  
12 **to BAR8, and BAR8 -- BAR8 would have, if you like, from**  
13 **what I have seen be like a mother to HIA516 and HIA101,**  
14 **and that question was simply asked to -- asked to me by**  
15 **it was either [REDACTED] or BAR13 in Barnardo**  
16 **headquarters, "Would you have thought it?" I says,**  
17 **"Well, if I didn't know him and it was nothing to do**  
18 **with any home or wasn't a child in a home and looking at**  
19 **the way they get on, you would have thought that BAR8**  
20 **and HIA516 and HIA101 were, in fact, the sons of BAR8".**

21 Q. She looked after them?

22 **A. Absolutely.**

23 Q. Well, just going on here, there's another incident that  
24 you relate in your statement about BAR8. You say that:

25 "The second serious incident that happened also

1 involved her. She would take me and some of the others  
2 for a ride in the staff car on occasion. It was  
3 a Vauxhall Astra. One day I went with her to pick up  
4 a lady called **BAR97**", and her surname is there, "who  
5 lived in [REDACTED]. There was another resident in  
6 the front called BAR45. He was a Catholic. I was in  
7 the back and BAR8 locked the doors. Two guys came to  
8 the car and said they were the UVF and shouted, 'Open  
9 the fucking door'. **BAR97** was Protestant and I was  
10 Catholic and she and I had had a bit of an argument.  
11 I had made a comment about how July was one part of the  
12 year that causes problems and I said, 'I'll not be here  
13 when all that's going on'. This then led to her and  
14 I having a bit of an argument, but it was water off a  
15 duck's back to me. These men then arrived shouting and  
16 kept trying to smash the window and they warned me,  
17 'Open your mouth to her again and you're a dead man, you  
18 Fenian bastard'. The guys who threatened me were **BAR97s**  
19 [REDACTED] and I believe they were UVF members. I have no  
20 doubt that BAR8 set up this incident."

21 You go on to say that:

22 "She was very close to HIA516 and HIA101. They  
23 treated her like a mother. She hit me a slap during  
24 that incident in the back of the Astra car. She failed  
25 in her duty to report this and I also feel she set me up

1 for the Ulster Volunteer Force."

2 Now I am going to tell you what she said, but before  
3 I do that, Barnardo's, as I was explaining to you, have  
4 gone through various files to see if there is any record  
5 of any incident involving a car or anything like this.  
6 They have on this girl [BAR97]'s file found a note of  
7 an incident of her becoming involved in an altercation  
8 with another young person, who isn't named, where she  
9 threatened to have him set upon about her people. If we  
10 can look at that, please. It is BAR-098. The social  
11 worker who made this note -- and I was reading it out to  
12 you earlier -- was a [BAR100]. You do remember  
13 him. Isn't that right?

14 **A. I know [BAR100]. I know [BAR100]. As far as I'm aware,**  
15 **[BAR100] -- speaking to [BAR100] at the time, where he was**  
16 **from, I think he said it was [REDACTED]?**

17 **Q. Well, in any --**

18 **A. I would know most of the staff.**

19 **Q. This is -- this -- sorry, HIA50.**

20 **A. Okay.**

21 **Q. Apologies. This is quite difficult to make this out,**  
22 **but as best we can read it, it says:**

23 "Incident report re [BAR97], [REDACTED].

24 On Saturday, [REDACTED] [BAR97] was left over  
25 home for her usual weekend home visit with the agreement

1 that she would be picked up at 10 o'clock.

2 At 10.15 pm I arrived and she appeared in good form  
3 and was prepared to leave. I had the other young people  
4 to pick up and decided that this was a good opportunity  
5 to give [BAR97] a little longer family contact which she  
6 desired. She was pleased with this extra half hour  
7 offered and left the house to call a friend back.

8 While [BAR97] was out her mother said ..."

9 It doesn't really matter what her mother said, but  
10 she reminded -- her mother was reminded of the  
11 management plan then.

12 "I left to try to find [BAR97] again and bring her back  
13 with no success. After picking up the other two young  
14 people I returned at 10.45 pm. [BAR97] had not returned.  
15 By 11.30 pm [BAR97] had still not returned and I decided to  
16 return the other young people, who had by now become  
17 very impatient and restless, to Ravelston.

18 As I left the house [BAR97] returned. She had created  
19 an issue with one of the other young people, threatening  
20 to have him set upon by her people in [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED]."

22 When I was reading this out to you, HIA50, you think  
23 that was you?

24 **A. I don't think. I know.**

25 Q. You know that was you. What you said to me is that

1 there were a number of incidents involving you and this  
2 girl **BAR97**. Is that right?

3 **A. That's right. We just -- it always happened -- seemed**  
4 **to happen -- it was just maybe a silly, stupid thing**  
5 **within the living room. It was forgot about, but you**  
6 **knew you always had -- if you wanted a cigarette, you**  
7 **had to go -- anywhere else -- anywhere else in the**  
8 **building was forbidden except the laundry. When you**  
9 **went out there, there was BAR 31 , BAR45, **BAR101****  
10  **and I am flabbergasted as to why, you know, BAR8**  
11 **would do this.**

12 **Q. Well, can I just check, HIA50 --**

13 **A. I'm totally, totally, totally annoyed, but it means**  
14 **nothing to me to this day, because it's cover-up, after**  
15 **cover-up, after cover-up.**

16 **Q. I am going to tell you what BAR8 says in a moment, but**  
17 **can I just check? This incident is not the same**  
18 **incident -- is that what you are saying -- to the one**  
19 **involving BAR8, because this involved somebody called**  
20 ****BAR100** , and I just wondered might you have got**  
21 **the wrong person and got him mixed up with BAR8 or**  
22 **anything like that?**

23 **A. No, no, no, no, no. If -- that man you just mentioned.**

24 **Q. **BAR100** ?**

25 **A. **BAR100** was BAR45's key worker. My key worker**

1 was [BAR98]. We all had individual key workers.  
2 The night -- there was always an altercation without  
3 a week going by. There was other victims. [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED], I remember having to stop the bleeding which --  
5 she had just cut her wrists. She couldn't hack  
6 Sharonmore. She couldn't hack it. She felt mistreated.  
7 I felt -- certainly I did feel mistreated.

8 [BAR97]-- I'm not confused absolute... -- whatsoever  
9 with [BAR100] and BAR8.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. The situation is simple and easy. BAR8 was there the  
12 night [BAR97] was to be picked up. I went for  
13 a spin. The staff would always say, "Do you want to go  
14 for a spin to pick up one of the residents up from their  
15 home and take them back to Sharonmore?" "Yes." I took  
16 her at the offer.

17 There was two people in the car, me and BAR45.  
18 I will never forget it. The house is still there. The  
19 [REDACTED] is still there, and if you  
20 come out of [REDACTED], bang, you see  
21 the [BAR97]' house. It hasn't been wrecked down. It's  
22 still there.

23 What always doubted my mind that night, that  
24 evening, was why did BAR8 get out of that vehicle and  
25 remote -- remotely centre lock that car with me and

1 BAR45? You don't do it. A member of staff does not get  
2 out of the car to get a victim from a house and bring  
3 them. It doesn't happen. Toot the horn. They came  
4 out. They are ready. It's normal procedure, but at  
5 this particular time it wasn't. BAR8 knew -- BAR8 knew  
6 what she was doing, and **BAR97** the way she spoke to me  
7 and she would have this done and that, that was this  
8 night, that basically we were locked in the car. I am  
9 jumping from one side of the car to the other in the  
10 back crying and the guys saying, "UVF. You fucking  
11 touch her, open your mouth, you're a dead man". They  
12 tried to get in and I cried and BAR45 was saying, "It's  
13 okay". Here's me -- I says, "BAR45, you've seen this".  
14 I says, "It's not -- you know, we'll speak to whoever.  
15 I'm not prepared to speak to her". When she came out,  
16 "What? Why would I want to do such a thing?", you know  
17 -- a compulsive -- and I can sit here and say to her, if  
18 she was here now, or the old cover-up for them: "Oh,  
19 they can't come. They're too old". Well, at the end of  
20 the day I don't accept that.

21 Q. Well, HIA50, you know that she has given a statement to  
22 the Inquiry. We can look at --

23 A. That statement she gave to the Inquiry, it may be here  
24 today, but it means jack shit to me.

25 Q. Well, let me just say what she did say in her statement

1 in fairness to her and you, so that you can respond to  
2 it. It is at 1018.

3 In paragraph 2 she says that she knew you when you  
4 resided in Sharonmore from [REDACTED].  
5 She also knew HIA516 and [REDACTED] HIA101 and [REDACTED]  
6 BAR47. They were all in care.

7 "HIA516 resided in Macedon and then was moved to  
8 Rathgael due to his behaviour. I believe there was  
9 an incident where HIA516 had thrown petrol around  
10 another young person and after that he was removed.  
11 I don't recall HIA516 and HIA50 residing in the same  
12 unit at the same time."

13 But you didn't. Isn't that correct? You weren't  
14 living there at the same time?

15 **A. No, we weren't there at the same time, but he did and**  
16 **his excuse of being there was to visit [REDACTED]**  
17 **[REDACTED] HIA101.**

18 Q. What she says is that --

19 **A. She wasn't there. BAR8 didn't live in Barnardo's 24/7.**

20 Q. What she remembers is that they actually went to visit  
21 HIA516 rather than him coming up to visit them. She  
22 said that you have never made an allegation to her of  
23 being touched or raped by HIA516. She had shocked by  
24 the allegations. If you had reported such an incident  
25 or incidents to her, she would have known the proper

1 procedures and would have had it -- would have had to be  
2 reported to her superiors. She goes on to then relate  
3 in the next paragraph about incidents where she did  
4 report abuse that was told to her.

5 Then at paragraph 4, if we can scroll to the next  
6 page, she goes on to say:

7 "I was fully aware of my duties if and when a child  
8 made such allegations of abuse, but there was only so  
9 much I could do. I would have spoken to [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] BAR89 [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED], BAR36,  
11 about any issues with the children. Each child also had  
12 their own key worker, who I would have liaised with.  
13 There were weekly meetings between ourselves, Social  
14 Services and psychiatrists to discuss any particular  
15 issues with the children. I also recall inspectors  
16 coming from Dundonald to see the children on a regular  
17 basis. I am unaware as to whether HIA50 is alleging  
18 whether he reported the incident he refers to to any of  
19 these other members of staff."

20 Can I just ask, HIA50, did you ever tell anybody  
21 other than BAR8? I know you spoke to BAR13 years later,  
22 but --

23 **A. Oh, years later, yes, but I would have assumed --**

24 **I mean, BAR13 -- I didn't know of a BAR13, you know.**

25 **Q. Until much later, but I'm just asking at the time when**

1 you were living in Sharonmore when you said you told  
2 BAR8, did you ever tell anybody other than her?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Who did you tell then?

5 **A. The police officer, community police officer, by the**  
6 **name of Gerry Agnew, who was based in Glengormley Police**  
7 **Station.**

8 Q. Well, I mean, we've talked about that and, as I say --

9 **A. We done rambles Ballyclare up to Slemish mountain 2 or**  
10 **3 o'clock in the morning, you know.**

11 Q. There is certainly no statement that the police have  
12 been able to find and show to us of you talking to Gerry  
13 Agnew at the time.

14 **A. Well, I'm gobsmacked as to why this -- there was people**  
15 **told. BAR8 was told. Gerry Agnew, who was police.**

16 Q. Yes, but those are the only two. You didn't talk to  
17 anybody else in Barnardo's about it?

18 **A. I can't -- I can't recall about -- I know sitting here**  
19 **today that I reported that matter.**

20 Q. Okay. She goes on in her statement to say that:

21 "HIA50 makes a further allegation against me when  
22 taking him up [REDACTED] and having him threatened and  
23 intimidated by paramilitaries and assaulting him. There  
24 was use of a car in the unit and this would specifically  
25 have been used to take children back and forth to their

1 homes, foster homes or other family members' homes.  
2 I do recall **BAR97** but I do not specifically remember  
3 picking her up in my car. There were, however, a number  
4 of girls from [REDACTED] who would have been  
5 picked up and dropped off by myself. I do recall that  
6 HIA50 was always very excited about going out in the car  
7 and if any trips had to be made, he always volunteered  
8 to come along. He may, therefore, have been with me on  
9 an occasion when I picked up **BAR97** from her home. I do  
10 not recall whether **BAR97** had [REDACTED]. I have no  
11 family connections nor do I know anyone from the  
12 [REDACTED] and I certainly did not set up the  
13 paramilitary incident as alleged. I do not know nor  
14 have ever had any connections with any paramilitary  
15 organisation. I can also say that I never turned round  
16 to hit HIA50 whilst in the car, nor indeed did I hit or  
17 assault him ever in any way.

18 What I do remember about HIA50 was that he had  
19 behavioural difficulties. I remember on one occasion  
20 when he was in the car with me he grabbed me around the  
21 throat from behind and was jumping around the car.  
22 I believed he was causing a danger to himself and the  
23 other passengers, myself and potentially other road  
24 users and I gave him several warnings to desist from his  
25 behaviour. He would not, and I told him if he did not

1 stop, I would put him out of the car. He continued his  
2 behaviour, and I remember stopping on the Doagh Road and  
3 telling him to get out. I then drove back to the unit,  
4 but after doing this I immediately regretted it, and  
5 told another staff member, [REDACTED] and asked him to go  
6 out and pick him up. However, by this time HIA50 had  
7 returned safely to the unit."

8 Can I just pause there, HIA50, and ask you: do you  
9 remember an incident where she put you out of the car?

10 No?

11 **A. No, I can't remember that incident.**

12 Q. Okay.

13 **A. Absolutely, you know, why? As she -- I can't remember,**  
14 **but she is stating that she put me out of the car. So**  
15 **why would such a person -- would someone not ask**  
16 **themselves: "Why put a child at that age that I was out**  
17 **in a 99% Loyalist stronghold in Glengormley?" It was**  
18 **Glengormley.**

19 Q. Well, what she said is as soon as she got back she  
20 regretted doing that and sent somebody out to get you.

21 **A. Well -- so she's not saying that she didn't do it. She**  
22 **did do it. You are asking me a question. I can't**  
23 **recall.**

24 Q. She goes on to say she also remembers being with you in  
25 your room one night when you were convinced that there

1 was a picture of a boy on the wall crying -- was crying.

2 "I couldn't convince him to the contrary and told  
3 him I would take the picture down and put it away.  
4 However, he became hysterical and was lying on the  
5 shouting and yelling about taking the picture down. He  
6 wanted the picture taken away from the unit and

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shortly after this

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incident I believe HIA50 was removed from the unit."

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Now do you remember that incident at all about

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a picture on the wall

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15 **A.**

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Q. Okay. Well, paragraph 10, if we can just scroll down

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there, then she says from what she remembers of you and

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your personality at the time she believes that if you

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did make such allegations and if they had not been

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followed up or reported properly, that you would have

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persisted until the appropriate steps were taken. So

1 what she's saying is, "Look, if HIA50 told me this and I  
2 didn't do anything about it, he would have made sure  
3 that I did something about it" is really what she's  
4 saying there.

5 **A. That is correct.**

6 Q. And you think --

7 **A. And to the best of my ability I'm sitting here today.**

8 Q. You think that you spoke to the police and that you felt  
9 that that was it being taken further?

10 **A. And I was also informed that BAR36 -- she was the  
11 highest in Barnardo's.**

12 Q. Yes.

13 **A. I had never heard of a BAR13 or BAR99 at that  
14 stage. As far as I'm concerned  
15 was BAR36, who -- I believe I spent once or twice at her  
16 home in**

17 Q. Just to finish off with BAR8, she gave a second  
18 statement about another matter, but in paragraph 5 of  
19 that statement at the bottom of page 2502 what she says  
20 as regards your allegations, she believes that she has  
21 addressed these fully in her statement of 30th November  
22 and wishes to reiterate, however, that:

23 "... HIA50 did not at any time disclose to me that  
24 he was sexually abused HIA516. I would also reiterate  
25 that the alleged incident where HIA50 said he was

1 threatened by paramilitaries did not take place."

2 So that's what BAR8 has said. I know you are  
3 surprised to have heard all that, HIA50.

4 **A. She is a liar.**

5 Q. You did say to me when we were speaking earlier that you  
6 and she never got on. Isn't that right?

7 **A. Never, never, never. She was bitter, bitter, worse than  
8 a bitter lemon.**

9 Q. Just to be clear, HIA50, other people who have spoken to  
10 the Inquiry have described her as a lovely woman.  
11 They've described her as a mother they never had, that  
12 she was a decent social worker. That's their opinion,  
13 but obviously yours is different to that.

14 **A. Well, I never had, you know, due to the breakdown or  
15 whatever as to the reason as to why me and BAR8 never  
16 kicked it off. I'm not quite sure, but I would never --  
17 I didn't -- aft... -- I remember -- she can't deny it.  
18 Why would she deny it? She hit me. I was in the back  
19 seat and she was hitting me, and I was trying to explain  
20 this. It was in her duty and her power to report what  
21 I had told her, and she told me the next port of call,  
22 it didn't have to go to the house. It would have to go  
23 to sen... -- more higher than that. I looked at her and  
24 she says, "You've heard of BAR36". I says, "Yes". She  
25 says, "That's -- it's in BAR36's hands".**

1 Q. Well, coming back to your statement, HIA50, at  
2 paragraph 35 -- sorry -- paragraph -- yes, 35 at 037,  
3 you say that you reported the incident shortly  
4 afterwards, but shortly afterwards -- actually it was  
5 2007 when you spoke to BAR13. Isn't that right?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And she is [REDACTED] at Barnardo's. You also  
8 reported being raped to her. You were offered  
9 counselling. You were telling me you actually did avail  
10 of that counselling. Barnardo's took you from your  
11 house and brought you over to a male counsellor. Isn't  
12 that right?

13 **A. That is correct, and Value Cabs was the taxi company to**  
14 **which Barnardo's paid for from [REDACTED], to**  
15 **which I lived then, to the Upper Newtownards Road**  
16 **besides Knock headquarters -- Knock PSNI headquarters,**  
17 **and I'm sure there's receipts -- I'm sure they wouldn't**  
18 **be too hard to get -- as to how many journeys I went up**  
19 **to there, but I felt somewhat I had been interrogated by**  
20 **the person that they told me in those -- I will never**  
21 **forget the day that I went up. There was a table like**  
22 **this, smaller, and I explained to BAR13 and BAR13 says,**  
23 **"I do believe you. I do believe you". She offered**  
24 **counselling, this man. I don't know -- I forget -- from**  
25 **the top of my head he was not bald as in bald.**

1 Q. It doesn't really matter what he looked like, HIA50.

2 A. Well, at the end of the day Barnardo's are saying --

3 Q. At the end of the day you and he didn't get on. Isn't  
4 that right? You thought he wasn't independent.

5 A. We -- no, I just thought he was an entirely -- no,  
6 I didn't agree with, because some of the questions I was  
7 asked you wouldn't be asked by a counsellor. You would  
8 put your feelings or any questions you had direct to the  
9 counsellor. The counsellor in a way if he seen you in  
10 a state or whatever, he would somewhat come round and  
11 try and help you. This wasn't the case with this man.

12 Then I think after that I took up Nexus in  
13 University Street, to which Barnardo's paid for --

14 Q. Well, you have -- right.

15 A. -- a taxi every week. Now it wasn't, you know, this is  
16 going to be done every time. My session was coming up  
17 to a close. It is a six-month session in Nexus and to  
18 get a slot in there is like winning the Lotto. You  
19 know, they're skilled. They're trained people.

20 Q. But you certainly found they were beneficial to you.  
21 Isn't that right?

22 A. Absolutely, and I had --

23 Q. Because I can --

24 A. Just for the record, I have went back to them people.

25 Q. Uh-huh, and you are still --

1     **A. This is only a number of weeks, about three, four weeks**  
2     **ago, I went back. I was on my fourth or fifth visit.**  
3     **I didn't go last Thursday, because I was supposed to be**  
4     **here --**

5     Q. Yes.

6     **A. -- and then all the things went pear-shaped. I am not**  
7     **going to get into it. Whatever happened happened.**  
8     **We're past that.**

9     Q. Well, HIA50, can I just come back to what BAR13 has told  
10    the Inquiry in a statement that she has given us, which  
11    is at 079? She says that -- sorry. I think it is the  
12    preceding page actually. Yes, just the bottom there.  
13    She said she first became aware of the allegation you  
14    had been abused in 2007. She details the contact that  
15    she had with you. You telephoned Barnardo's and spoke  
16    to her on 26th -- 22nd February. She met with you on  
17    27th February 2007. You told her that you were sexually  
18    abused by HIA516. You told her that you had previously  
19    disclosed that to BAR8.

20    **A. Yes.**

21    Q. She was unable to locate any record of the abuse or  
22    alleged disclosure in your file. She spoke to you about  
23    speaking to the police and advised you to take the  
24    advice of a solicitor and organised counselling sessions  
25    for you. She said that the records show that you did

1 speak to the police, but, as you have explained, you  
2 didn't take the matter any further, because at that  
3 stage you thought you had reported it in [REDACTED] to Gerry  
4 Agnew.

5 **A. Agnew.**

6 Q. HIA516 was serving a sentence that you didn't think  
7 would be affected by you pursuing a police complaint  
8 against him.

9 They didn't investigate BAR8. She was [REDACTED], and  
10 thought the police would be looking at that. She was  
11 previously unaware that your allegation involved a  
12 sectarian incident until she read the statement that you  
13 gave to the Inquiry. So when you spoke to her in 2007,  
14 you didn't mention the incident in the car to her,  
15 although what you did say to her was that you -- she has  
16 a note of you being frustrated that there was nothing in  
17 your file about an incident in a car. So although you  
18 didn't give her any details about it, you were actually  
19 saying to her, "But there must have been something about  
20 the incident in the car".

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. She goes on to say that you were offered counselling.  
23 She informed Barnardo's that you would pay -- Barnardo's  
24 would pay. They then received a Letter of Claim from  
25 you and you received ultimately a settlement of [REDACTED] in

1 settlement of the civil claim.

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. Now, HIA50, I was saying to you that I had read through  
4 the records of your time in Sharonmore and they suggest  
5 that you did present behaviour which was challenging for  
6 staff and for other residents, for other young people,  
7 because you were finding it hard to control your  
8 emotions. I was explaining to you that Barnardo's  
9 seemed to try various ways of helping you, for example,  
10 getting you to sign a contract about your behaviour. Do  
11 you remember that, signing contracts and things, HIA50?

12 **A. Maybe one or two and BAR98 -- BAR75 --**  
13 **BAR63**, he was [REDACTED] (inaudible) within  
14 Sharonmore. Me and him didn't get on. We didn't get  
15 on.

16 Q. Well, I am going to look at a document that shows  
17 an incident on [REDACTED]. We looked at this  
18 earlier, which was what led to you being moved to  
19 St. Pat's. If we look at that, please, BAR-334, you  
20 will see that it says:

21 "Because of recent behaviour, that is allowing  
22 himself to get out of control and hitting out at staff  
23 and other young people, HIA50 was put on a contract.  
24 This contract was agreed by Social Services, Sharonmore  
25 staff and HIA50. The bottom line of the contract stated

1 that if HIA50 hit out at anyone in the unit again, he  
2 would have to go to training school while staff  
3 considered whether or not he should return."

4 Then the incident is related:

5 "BAR25 [REDACTED] was on  
6 duty on the early part of [REDACTED]. She reported that  
7 HIA50 was not at school. He has not attended for four  
8 weeks now. He spent his day around the unit. His  
9 manner and attitude were fairly cooperative and  
10 friendly. However, as the day wore on, HIA50 became  
11 progressively agitated. The focus of his agitation was  
12 him anticipating pocket money and the realisation that  
13 all his pocket money was going to a combination of  
14 savings and towards paying for damage done by HIA50  
15 earlier in the week, that is a broken window, paint  
16 chipped from a staff member's car, cleansing cream which  
17 he squirted over another girl's bed, etc.

18 HIA50 demanded to phone his social worker. Normally  
19 he would be allowed to use the office phone. However,  
20 he was now so agitated and verbally abusive to staff  
21 that he was given 20p to use the coin box. In the past  
22 when HIA50 has been out of control, he had abused the  
23 office. HIA50 rang his social worker and spoke to  
24 himself. [REDACTED] suggested that he should lend HIA50  
25 some money. I did not think this was a good idea, as it

1 was allowing HIA50 to split the adults in his life.  
2 Above all things HIA50 needs consistency. HIA50  
3 continued to be verbally abusive and physically  
4 intimidating, ie threatening to hit myself and BAR25.  
5 On two occasions HIA50 tried to force his way into the  
6 office past BAR25. She stood in his path and HIA50  
7 withdrew. His level of agitation was increasing. At  
8 one stage I heard a commotion from the area of the  
9 office. HIA50 was violently trying to close himself in  
10 the office. BAR25 was in the office. I pushed at the  
11 door, which was still half open. HIA50 was trying to  
12 close it. BAR25 was trying to keep it open. When HIA50  
13 saw me push the door, he lunged in my direction punching  
14 out while doing so. I was able to step back quickly.  
15 He lunged again and this time managed to punch me with  
16 his fist on the side of the head above my right ear.  
17 There was a scuffle between HIA50 and I, which lasted  
18 a few seconds. He tried to grab me by the hair and  
19 continued to punch out, but he did not actually hit me  
20 again. I was able to hold him firmly enough to  
21 immobilise him. HIA50 became a bit tearful. When  
22 appropriate, I let go of HIA50. HIA50 became slightly  
23 calmer. We joined the group at tea-time and his  
24 behaviour was quite exaggerated and loud.

25 BAR25, BAR8 and myself consulted with the project

1 leader regarding the above incident and we concluded  
2 that as HIA50 was having -- as HIA50 having clearly  
3 broken his contract put us in the position of having to  
4 implement the agreed consequences.

5 The duty social worker and [REDACTED] were  
6 contacted and informed. He agreed to obtain a Place of  
7 Safety Order. When [REDACTED] arrived, BAR8 and  
8 I explained to HIA50 what was happening, that he would  
9 be going to St. Pat's Training School and while there  
10 Sharonmore staff and Social Services would talk about  
11 whether he'd be returning to Sharonmore. HIA50 became  
12 tearful and wanted another chance. He said, 'I didn't  
13 believe you meant the contract'. It was put to HIA50  
14 that he could come quietly with BAR9 and myself. HIA50  
15 refused to move from the office. I instructed BAR8 to  
16 ring the police. HIA50 then tried to run from the  
17 office. He managed to get past me as far as the  
18 kitchen, where I got both arms around him and held on to  
19 a door handle. HIA50 wrestled from this position and  
20 started to kick out. I held HIA50's legs and [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] held HIA50's arms. HIA50 fairly quickly  
22 refrained from kicking. By the time the police arrived  
23 HIA50 was calm. I accompanied HIA50 the whole way to  
24 St. Pat's Training School in a police Land Rover."

25 Now, HIA50, I know I read this to you earlier and we

1 were talking about it. You say you remember being taken  
2 to St. Pat's, but you feel like the whole incident has  
3 been exaggerated by this report?

4 **A. Absolutely. Absolutely. You know, they don't even have**  
5 **-- is there any medical evidence reference myself during**  
6 **the course of my time? So there's no evidence of my**  
7 **appendix bursting?**

8 **Q. There is certainly. Yes, HIA50, there is medical**  
9 **evidence about your appendix bursting.**

10 **A. Is there anything documented reference myself and**  
11 **BAR102 [REDACTED] ? BAR102 [REDACTED] was a member of staff**  
12 **who lived in [REDACTED]. We went to a hostel in**  
13 **[REDACTED]. It was on a hill. You would come out and**  
14 **you would see the sea and it was lovely. There was me**  
15 **and another other few people went, and I remember**  
16 **BAR102 [REDACTED]. He was a big man. He was [REDACTED]"**  
17 **more, big, big guy. Drove the car, the wee -- I always**  
18 **call it -- there was some wood on it -- it was the**  
19 **wooden car. Anyway this weekend we -- this weekend we**  
20 **were up. We stayed there, and I was -- I am a person**  
21 **that can't sleep, toss and turns, the whole shebang.**  
22 **BAR102 [REDACTED], which is his appropriate**  
23 **name, lifted me from the bed and his words to me were,**  
24 **"If I can't sleep, you won't sleep" and lifted me down**  
25 **into the downstairs. It was hostile and we had a --**

1           **continue -- it wasn't my fault, but I was lifted.**

2           **I don't know if that was ever documented or whatever and**  
3           **it was -- it was frightening.**

4    Q.   Well, I can certainly look through the papers again,  
5           HIA50, and see if there is a note of that particular  
6           incident, but certainly by this stage you are then moved  
7           to St. Pat's. You are there for a short while until you  
8           set fire to curtains. I mean, we can look at the whole  
9           history of absconding from St. Pat's in a moment, but  
10          you were then remanded by the court to Lisnevin. Then  
11          you went back to Sharonmore and you were discharged home  
12          to your parents in [REDACTED] after an incident where you  
13          and two girls stayed out overnight. I am not going to  
14          call that up. You and I looked at it.

15    A.   **Uh-huh.**

16    Q.   It is at BAR-344. The document -- if we look at 45243,  
17          this is -- there was a Training School Order made to  
18          take you to Lisnevin. Again I don't need to call that  
19          up. Sorry. This is SPT4523... -- ...243, but at  
20          SPT45267 there was a Training School Order made for you  
21          to take you to Lisnevin. The Department of Justice  
22          statement said that you went back to St. Pat's on [REDACTED]  
23          [REDACTED] and certainly the St. Pat's diary records  
24          that re-admission at SPT45941, and you were there until  
25          [REDACTED] on the Training School Order and you

1 were released on licence to live with [REDACTED]  
2 in [REDACTED]

3 **A. That's correct.**

4 Q. That's at SPT45385, but if we look at SPT45243, SPT --  
5 I am not sure if we have that -- yes, this was the  
6 admission history of your time in training school,  
7 HIA50. Just scrolling down it, you know -- I went  
8 through this with you -- the amount of time that you  
9 actually spent in St. Pat's. You were more often  
10 absconding than you were actually there. If you scroll  
11 down through the dates, you will see there that in  
12 [REDACTED] you were remanded to Lisnevin and then you  
13 were returned to Sharonmore in [REDACTED], then ended up  
14 back in Lisnevin after you had been released back to  
15 your family in [REDACTED]. Then you came back into  
16 St.~Patrick's on the Training School Order after having  
17 spent time in remand in Lisnevin. Then again you  
18 continued to abscond until you were eventually released  
19 on extended leave to [REDACTED] home. The licence  
20 then I think expired in [REDACTED].

21 **A. That's -- I can recall a number of times. Probably that**  
22 **is fact.**

23 Q. That's accurate?

24 **A. That is fact, yes, yes. I don't have no problem. That**  
25 **is when my life changed. I was a child, was brought**

1       into care because of an incident involving my parents.  
2       Why was I put in a training school? I was only in as  
3       a TSO. That meant Training School Order. That was when  
4       my -- I turned from an A4 blank page to become -- and  
5       commit crimes and offences. I should never have been  
6       put in there, and I was slagged "Care bear! Care bear!"  
7       It was a chalet. It was for people with care. Then  
8       subsequently I was moved to the junior side of St. Pat's  
9       and then moved -- they realised -- to the senior side.  
10      They just had not got a clue what they were doing.  
11      I ask: why was I in a place that was convicted -- I was  
12      in a place where people were convicted of breaking the  
13      law. I -- whatever the case may be. I wasn't.  
14      I didn't break no law, but that's -- when I started  
15      absconding, that's when my criminal record started to  
16      creep behind.

17    Q. Yes. I mean, when you were readmitted to St. Pat's,  
18      though, that was for having committed a crime. Isn't  
19      that right?

20    A. Uh-huh.

21    Q. Well, HIA50, I am just going to look at what you say in  
22      your statement about St. Pat's. If we look at 039,  
23      paragraph 42 and if we go, in fact, to paragraph 43,  
24      which is BAR-039, you say that you got out of St. Pat's  
25      when you were about 16. You said it wasn't a nice

1 place. You were beaten daily by two older boys. I was  
2 asking you whether you remembered any names of the boys,  
3 because when you first went into St. Pat's from  
4 Sharonmore, you were aged .

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Then when you came back in the following July, you were  
7 nearly . You remembered the name [REDACTED].  
8 Was that the name you gave me --

9 **A. That's correct. [REDACTED], yes.**

10 Q. -- as one of these older boys, but you can't remember  
11 how much older than you he might have been.

12 **A. He was -- he can go to -- you know, he could have a go.  
13 He could have a go. It was actually he and I that set  
14 the curtains -- two curtains on our rail --**

15 Q. On fire.

16 **A. -- on fire. I took the rap for it. He didn't.  
17 I didn't mention his name. I took the rap for it.**

18 Q. Okay.

19 **A. That was my -- police -- solicitors trying to get it  
20 dropped to the criminal damage and the police were  
21 sticking to arson.**

22 Q. Well, you also say that you feared the [REDACTED]. You  
23 say:

24 "He took no prisoners."

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. "If you were caught by police after running away, you  
2 were guaranteed when he opened the door, he would have  
3 his cane with him and he would use it across your back,  
4 head, neck and across the back of the legs. I can't  
5 recall his name. He walked with [REDACTED] and had a  
6 [REDACTED] accent. He was [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] hair.  
7 I think he's still alive. There were no other staff  
8 present when this happened, as they would have gone home  
9 at this stage. He used to shout all the time. You  
10 could hear the echo travelling."

11 A. **Uh-huh.**

12 Q. "He looked after us when we were in bed at night. He  
13 didn't do anything to me, but I know that he sexually  
14 abused other boys in the home."

15 You know from what I told you -- I mean, we have  
16 looked at the details of the number of times you ran  
17 away, but Brother Francis Manning on behalf of the De La  
18 Salle Order thought that the caretaker might have been  
19 a man called **SPT64** [REDACTED]. The name doesn't ring any  
20 bells with you.

21 A. **Definitely doesn't, no.**

22 Q. Isn't that right, HIA50?

23 A. **Absolutely not. It doesn't ring.**

24 Q. Because that was a name suggested to the Inquiry, we  
25 contacted that gentleman and he gave us a statement.

1 That can be seen at SPT2214. At the bottom of that page  
2 he says:

3 "In relation to the allegations made against me by  
4 HIA50 I refute each and every one of them. I have never  
5 used a cane to beat anyone across the back, head, neck  
6 or legs. I have never physically or sexually abused  
7 anyone in St. Patrick's School or elsewhere. I would  
8 like to add there was at least one other night  
9 supervisor with a [REDACTED] accent and most of the  
10 brothers had [REDACTED] accents. Furthermore we all  
11 wore civilian clothes."

12 **A. That's correct.**

13 Q. "It is possible, therefore, HIA50 is referring to  
14 someone else and that Brother Francis Manning is also  
15 mistaken when he states at paragraph 4 that the  
16 [REDACTED] may have been me."

17 You mentioned to me, HIA50, that there were two  
18 [REDACTED] that you remember --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- this gentleman and another gentleman, who --

21 **A. I remember the other gentleman. From my experience the  
22 other gentleman, he was [REDACTED], [REDACTED]y hair. He was just so  
23 laid back. If -- you know, this is any time -- if he  
24 was on, you know, the door -- the police would have  
25 brought you in. They would have got a few minutes with**

1 him. You were then told where to go.

2 This [REDACTED] guy -- Jesus, Mary and Joseph!  
3 -- you know, I can call it now -- I think I can call it  
4 now -- it was a bamboo stick and that was sore, you  
5 know, disturbing his night and having the police call  
6 and having him to open them gates, you know, and why  
7 would one not ask -- while you have just shown myself  
8 and this Inquiry how many times I absconded, one would  
9 ask himself: "Is there a reason?" There's a reason for  
10 everything.

11 Q. Uh-huh.

12 A. There is a reason, but I make no ifs or buts, and I sit  
13 here today and I make it crystal clear to the Catholic  
14 Church and Barnardo's I was raped by HIA516, and I was  
15 raped by BR33 [REDACTED], and I was raped by Brendan  
16 Smyth.

17 Q. Well, HIA50 --

18 A. There's cover-ups. There's something -- something not  
19 right.

20 Q. HIA50, you remember that we had -- when we talked about  
21 your time before, we talked about a meeting that you had  
22 at [REDACTED] where you talked to Brother Pius  
23 about St. Pat's. You remembered BR26 who was there.

24 A. Yes, BR26.

25 Q. You say he used to bring a few of you to [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] --

2 A. On a Sunday.

3 Q. -- to wheel the patients and gave you packs of  
4 cigarettes as a reward for doing that.

5 A. Brown Nissan Bluebird went on a Sunday to [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED], people who were in wheelchairs. We would have  
7 been down there for 7 o'clock, 7.15. If you weren't up  
8 at 7 o'clock, the car was away. Forget about it.

9 Sometimes some of us done it just to get fags, because  
10 we had no other means of money or buying cigarettes. So  
11 BR26 would have given us 20 --

12 Q. He would have given you --

13 A. -- or if there was only two of us doing all the work, he  
14 would have given us 40. BR26 would make up maybe four  
15 people. I enjoyed that.

16 Q. Yes, and you also have great praise for BR94, who was in  
17 St. Pat's.

18 A. BR94 -- Jesus! Oh, Christ! -- if he -- if one would  
19 say, you know -- I don't know if BR94 is still alive  
20 today, but, by Christ, he smoked 200 fags or 300 fags  
21 a day, a day, Benson & Hedges.

22 Q. He was a heavy smoker.

23 A. He was a heavy and he was [REDACTED]

24 Q. Well, you go on -- you describe just about the room in  
25 St. Pat's. You said it was smaller than a 6 x 4 cell

1 and it was horrible.

2 **A. Oh, Christ!**

3 Q. Now the De La Salle Order have said a couple of things.  
4 They said they didn't believe there was any corporal  
5 punishment for absconders in the late 1980s, but what  
6 you are telling us, HIA50, this was not sort of  
7 authorised corporal punishment. This was just something  
8 that this nightwatchman did. Isn't that right?

9 **A. They done what they want with you. They done what they**  
10 **want with you. When you were out -- it wasn't the fact**  
11 **if you -- if you abscond, right away they had a duty to**  
12 **ring the police. They had a duty of care to ring the**  
13 **police to find out and bring you back to there. I mean,**  
14 **there's a guy in St. Pat's by the name of [REDACTED],**  
15 **and the bullying that took place with me and other guys**  
16 **in there. It -- it was -- you just -- it was every --**  
17 **you have seen the evidence that you've seen there and me**  
18 **absconding. It was wild, and again you have a junior**  
19 **and a senior side and they were nothing but bullies.**  
20 **Yes, I would have stood maybe beside a member of staff,**  
21 **very much happier. At the end of the day staff would**  
22 **have seen it, acted on it, punished, maybe a weekend not**  
23 **allowed home or whatever the case may be, but, by**  
24 **Christ, we lived in a room that weren't fit for a dog.**

25 Q. Well, they would say they would accept that it was

1 an austere room, HIA50. We were discussing what was  
2 meant by that. I just said it wasn't terribly homely.  
3 You would -- you said it was horrible.

4 **A. It would have been the size of the disabled toilet you**  
5 **have out here.**

6 Q. Right.

7 **A. There you go. That's the size of it. Maybe a wee bit**  
8 **smaller. That would be roughly ...**

9 Q. Well, HIA50, you are aware now from discussions we have  
10 had and from the last occasion as well that the Order  
11 now believe that they ought not to have paid you the  
12 monies that they --

13 **A. I don't care what the Order says, you know, what they**  
14 **should or shouldn't have paid. At the end of the day if**  
15 **they want to proceed, let's go. I will win. I will**  
16 **win. I will win. I am not telling lies.**

17 Q. Well, HIA50 --

18 **A. I am not telling lies --**

19 Q. HIA50 --

20 **A. -- and I hope they do issue, because I can't wait to**  
21 **that day.**

22 Q. Well, HIA50, that's all I want to ask you about your  
23 time in Barnardo's and in St. Pat's, but is there  
24 anything that you feel that we haven't covered about  
25 what happened to you in those two institutions? Now is

1 the opportunity for you to say that.

2 A. When I was there -- we're here -- Sir Anthony, when he  
3 started this up, the systematic failings. St. Patrick's  
4 Training School, I can't remember for the life of me of  
5 seeing a doctor, and this would have contradicted the  
6 statement you just read from the [REDACTED] guy,  
7 because the bamboo -- if you are hit with a bamboo  
8 stick, you'll know what it's like. It leaves a grazed  
9 red mark. Sometimes it was bleed, but bleed wasn't  
10 enough to break the skin, if you like, and I feel that  
11 I was -- they failed me. Social Services failed me.  
12 The institute -- some institutes failed me.  
13 I (inaudible) -- you know, a doctor might have seen us

14 [REDACTED]  
15 [REDACTED]  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]

19 Q. [REDACTED]

20 A. [REDACTED].

21 Q. [REDACTED]

22 A. [REDACTED].

23 Q. [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]

8 [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED] ?

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED].

14 **A. Right. So what are we here for again? St. Pat's and**  
15 **Barnardo's just?**

16 **Q. Yes.**

17 **A. Right. So what's your next question? Sorry, Christine.**

18 **MS SMITH:** Just have you -- are you content that we have  
19 covered what you wanted to tell the Inquiry about your  
20 time in Barnardo's and St. Pat's?

21 **A. Systematic failures all around, and I hope and I pray**  
22 **that no child, no child, will ever, ever go through what**  
23 **I went through.**

24 **Q. Thank you.**

25 **A. It's -- you know, it's wrong. It was wrong. They had**

1 a duty to protect me and they failed me and I will never  
2 ever forgive them ones, and that night in question **BAR97**  
3 **████████** -- and we can't talk about that -- was the night  
4 with the UVF. BAR8 let that happen. You don't hit  
5 a remote central locking in the car where there's kids  
6 in it. It prevents you from getting out of the car. It  
7 definitely happened. None the worse left in it, but  
8 this happened this night and BAR45 can prove this.

9 Q. Okay. Well --

10 A. At the end of the day I have said what I feel I need to  
11 say, but I just feel at the end of the day, you know,  
12 how long is this Inquiry going? How more -- how many  
13 more victims have to go through? We'll see that --  
14 we're coming into two years and over two years with this  
15 Inquiry now and there has been victims here before me.  
16 I have been here -- this is my fourth time. Third or  
17 fourth?

18 Q. Third.

19 A. Third time, you know, and the way it was done, you know,  
20 I would have been happy had the Inquiry dealt with all  
21 three in the one day, you know. Back and forth, back  
22 and forth and then being misled. Failures. I thought  
23 the failures on me were gone until I received a phone  
24 call last Wednesday from the Panel -- from the Inquiry,  
25 8.30. I am due to get a taxi at 9.15 to come here.



1 Sharonmore? Do you remember?

2 **A. I can't remember going back to Sharonmore, but quite**  
3 **clearly there is evidence there to say that I did go**  
4 **back to Sharonmore, but I can't recall that.**

5 Q. You can't remember staying there or ...?

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. No. Thanks, HIA50.

8 **A. You're welcome.**

9 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA50, thank you very much for coming to  
10 speak to us again today. I'm sorry you weren't able to  
11 be given as much notice as you would have liked that we  
12 had to put you off last week. Efforts were made to get  
13 in touch with you, but I appreciate it was very late,  
14 and if that inconvenienced you, well, then I apologise  
15 for that. I'm sorry it happened.

16 **A. (Inaudible.)**

17 Q. The point you make about having to come more than once  
18 you have made I think before and others have, but I~am  
19 afraid the only way we can fairly look at things is if  
20 we deal with them separately. So we do appreciate that  
21 causes problems for people, but I am afraid it is  
22 inevitable in the circumstances, but thank you for  
23 coming to see us again today.

24 **A. Okay.**

25 **(Witness withdrew)**

1 MS SMITH: Chairman, I think it is probably an appropriate  
2 time for a short break.

3 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We'll rise now.

4 (11.40 pm)

5 (Short break)

6 (2.10 pm)

7 WITNESS BAR8 (called)

8 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Aiken?

9 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, the next witness  
10 today is BAR8, who is "BAR8". BAR8 is aware, Chairman,  
11 that you are going to ask her to take the oath.

12 Just before we do that, Chairman, if I can indicate  
13 BAR8 is represented, and I will ask Mr Irvine to give  
14 his appearance on behalf of him and his solicitor.

15 CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr Irvine?

16 MR IRVINE: Mr Chairman and Panel Members, I appear for this  
17 afternoon's witness instructed by Mr Dougan, who is also  
18 present.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

20 WITNESS BAR8 (sworn)

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down.

22 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

23 MR AIKEN: BAR8, coming up on the screen will be the first  
24 page of the first of your two witness statements, and it  
25 doesn't have the black marks yet that will hide your

1 identity, but you want to keep your anonymity that the  
2 Inquiry has provided for you?

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. Can you just check that the statement on the screen  
5 looks like the first page of your first statement?

6 **A. It does.**

7 Q. And if we go to the last page at 1020, please, and just  
8 check that that's the last page and that you have signed  
9 it?

10 **A. That's the last page and I signed it.**

11 Q. And want to adopt that as your evidence to the Inquiry?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. And then if we look at your second statement of 4th  
14 December, which is at 2502, please, and again, BAR8,  
15 that you can confirm is the first page of your second  
16 statement?

17 **A. That's right.**

18 Q. And if we move through on to the next page, please,  
19 again you've signed your statement?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. And you want to adopt it as your evidence to the  
22 Inquiry?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And in addition, BAR8, the Inquiry showed you various  
25 documents that you were involved with creating during

1 your time working in -- for Barnardo's in Macedon and  
2 then Sharonmore.

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. Then during the Macedon Inquiry in 2001 you made  
5 a statement to the police, which I was reminding you  
6 about earlier on. That is a statement of  
7 25th April 2001. The Panel are aware of it. It is in  
8 the bundle at 4566 to 4575.

9 BAR8, I was explaining to you earlier -- your date  
10 of birth is [REDACTED] --

11 **A. That's right.**

12 Q. -- which means you have reached [REDACTED] years of age and have  
13 a birthday [REDACTED]. I was  
14 explaining to you that in the personnel file Barnardo's  
15 had wiped seven years off your age, because they have  
16 your date of birth down as being in [REDACTED] but it is  
17 definitely [REDACTED]

18 **A. Definitely [REDACTED].**

19 Q. Some of the documents in the personnel file show your  
20 qualifications and experience. I am just going to show  
21 one of these old documents on the screen. If we look at  
22 15746, which is the type of application form where you  
23 are coming to work in Barnardo's, and if we just scroll  
24 down to the bottom, we can see that between [REDACTED] and  
25 [REDACTED] you did the childcare certificate at [REDACTED]

1

[REDACTED]

2

**A. That's right.**

3

Q. And then between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] you went to [REDACTED] and there you did the certificate and qualification in social work.

5

6

**A. That's right.**

7

Q. In between you were working in various children's homes operated by the Eastern Board.

8

9

**A. That's right.**

10

Q. Then if we move -- just scroll down on to the next page, please. You then set out your working history on the form. I was observing that the Panel and the Chairman in particular might notice the reference to your occupation in [REDACTED] --

14

15

**A. That's right.**

16

Q. -- when you weren't working in a children's home but you were performing the role of a nanny --

17

18

**A. That's right.**

19

Q. -- to the [REDACTED], [REDACTED],

20

[REDACTED] but you begin working in Macedon on [REDACTED]

21

[REDACTED]

22

**A. That's right.**

23

Q. And that role that you took up in Barnardo's was as the -- what was described then as the [REDACTED]

24

25

[REDACTED].

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. And you were explaining to me that you were based in  
3 headquarters, which was not at Macedon, but that you  
4 would have gone to Macedon most days as part of your  
5 work?

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. And that part of your work involved you getting  
8 alongside the children that you were assigned to work  
9 with in Macedon, and you would have gone up to speak to  
10 them and be alongside them.

11 **A. That's right.**

12 Q. And then there was also the six-monthly reviews that you  
13 would have participated in along with other members of  
14 staff, the residential social workers.

15 **A. That's right.**

16 Q. And you were also heavily involved in the aftercare for  
17 the young people who had reached the age to move on from  
18 Macedon and find them places to live and work alongside  
19 them in the community.

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. Those were the main roles that you performed as the

22 [REDACTED].

23 **A. Right.**

24 Q. Is that -- have I --

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. -- summarised that correctly?

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. And we were discussing then one of the documents in your  
4 personnel file suggests that in and around

5 [REDACTED], by which time we've moved to Sharonmore,  
6 with Macedon closing [REDACTED] --

7 **A. Right.**

8 Q. -- you get described as doing the role of [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED]er --

10 **A. Right.**

11 Q. -- in Sharonmore as well as your other duties as the  
12 [REDACTED] and you were explaining to me  
13 that actually you brought that about by wanting to stay  
14 over in Sharonmore so you could get a better  
15 understanding of the children you were working with.

16 **A. That's right.**

17 Q. And you were explaining to me earlier that the behaviour  
18 of the children in Macedon and then in Sharonmore was  
19 very, very difficult.

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. And we were discussing that in [REDACTED] you did the  
22 in-service training course --

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. -- in social work, and then in a letter from Barnardo's  
25 that's in your personnel file they explain that in [REDACTED]

1           you were instrumental in planning and setting up the  
2           bed-sits to assist with the teaching independent living  
3           to those who were moving out of Barnardo's.

4       **A. That's right.**

5       Q. You were explaining to me that on the Sharonmore site  
6           there were two staff houses, and when one of those  
7           became vacant in [REDACTED] they were converted into two  
8           bed-sits.

9       **A. That's right.**

10      Q. And the Panel are aware from various incidents that  
11         I~opened during the opening last week that the likes of  
12         HIA101 would have spent some time in the bed-sit,  
13         HIA216, [REDACTED], children who were moving  
14         their way out of Barnardo's, learning some managing of  
15         money and cooking and those type of activities.

16      **A. Right.**

17      Q. And you were involved in the setting up of that?

18      **A. That's right.**

19      Q. And I was asking you could you remember -- the records  
20         seem to suggest you did child abuse training in  
21         [REDACTED]. You don't have a clear recollection of  
22         it, but you were explaining to me that BAR36 was very  
23         keen on everyone getting trained in dealing with child  
24         abuse.

25      **A. That's right.**

1 Q. Then you retired in [REDACTED]

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. -- aged [REDACTED] but after the Macedon trial you explain in  
4 your police statement that you [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED].

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. And am I right in saying that you had and have kept  
8 a relationship with a number of the young people that  
9 you worked with down the years in Macedon and  
10 Sharonmore?

11 **A. That's right.**

12 Q. And I was saying to you that BAR47 and HIA101 describe  
13 you as like their mother and you would have had that  
14 type of warm relationship with a number of the young  
15 people that you'd looked after?

16 **A. That's right.**

17 Q. In [REDACTED] they got you at least one award, I think two  
18 awards ultimately, [REDACTED] for the work  
19 that you'd done for them.

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. I want to take you back, BAR8 -- and I appreciate this  
22 is now 2015, soon to be 2016 -- I want to take you back,  
23 if I can, to [REDACTED] --

24 **A. Right.**

25 Q. -- and to the very first time that you became aware of

1 BAR46's complaint about BAR3.

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. I am going to bring up on the screen BAR24's file note  
4 that we were talking about earlier. If we can bring up,  
5 please, BAR-4242. I was asking you earlier, BAR8, was  
6 this the first time -- you thought maybe the BAR47 one  
7 with [REDACTED] was the first time. I showed you how it is

8 [REDACTED]

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. Was this incident with BAR46 or BAR46, as you call him  
11 -- this was the first time you'd heard anything like  
12 this --

13 **A. That's --**

14 Q. -- from a young person.

15 **A. That's right.**

16 Q. Just before we look at it, we were talking at the end of  
17 our discussion in the room earlier that the children in  
18 Barnardo's were not behind the door at making complaints  
19 about people.

20 **A. No. That's right.**

21 Q. You were saying to me that at times they made things up  
22 about staff --

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. -- and individuals. Was that your experience working  
25 with them in Macedon and Sharonmore, that they could

1 well make things up?

2 **A. Well, they didn't usually make things up, but sometimes**  
3 **they did, you know. They would have enlarged on**  
4 **an incident, you know, but they put themselves right.**

5 Q. To exaggerate it?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Would you catch them on doing that or how did you become  
8 aware they did that sort of thing?

9 **A. Well, you would have known. You would have knew. You**  
10 **would have questioned them and then they would have told**  
11 **you. You would have knew.**

12 Q. But I mentioned to you that there was a -- from various  
13 staff members making statements to the police the Panel  
14 are aware that some staff would have said of the young  
15 people that they wouldn't have kept quiet if there was  
16 something --

17 **A. Oh, no, that's right.**

18 Q. -- that they wanted to talk about.

19 **A. They would have talked about it. That's right.**

20 Q. This incident that we are looking at the file note,  
21 BAR8, is BAR24 in it, as you know, and BAR24 --

22 **A. Right.**

23 Q. -- records that -- he says:

24 "This note is a recording of a conversation with  
25 BAR8 on the morning of [REDACTED].

1 BAR8 reported to me that some months ago staff  
2 member BAR2 had said to her that BAR46 told him", ie  
3 BAR46 had told BAR2, "in general conversation that  
4 former staff member BAR3", who had left in [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED], "while in charge of BAR46 tried to put his arm  
6 around him and on occasions had tried to kiss him."

7 When I was speaking to you, BAR8, you didn't  
8 remember it being that way.

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. Do you want to just explain to the Panel what you  
11 remembered?

12 **A. I remembered BAR46 coming to me -- BAR46 -- BAR2 came**  
13 **and said that BAR46 had said something to him, but**  
14 **I didn't remember anything about kissing, and I spoke to**  
15 **BAR46 and BAR46 told me that he felt very uncomfortable**  
16 **with BAR3 and that he had told him ghost stories.**  
17 **That's all he said. I tried to get him to talk, talk**  
18 **away to him, but BAR46 never said anything else about**  
19 **BAR3. He just said he had told him ghost stories and**  
20 **that he had felt very uncomfortable with him.**

21 Q. I was explaining to you, without being critical of you,  
22 BAR8, that over the passage of time people's memories  
23 can --

24 **A. Yes, I know.**

25 Q. -- fade or change, and this document, if it's right, in

1 [REDACTED] BAR24 is recording that there was reference  
2 to him trying to put his arm round him and kiss him, but  
3 you don't remember that at this point?

4 **A. I can't remember.**

5 Q. If this record is right, BAR8, it suggests that it was  
6 some months beforehand or some period of time before  
7 your conversation with BAR24 that you were told about  
8 this. Do you remember it that way at this stage or do  
9 you not have a recollection of at what point, how  
10 quickly you went to speak to BAR24?

11 **A. All I can remember about this is that BAR2 told me that**  
12 **he talked to BAR46 about something happening between him**  
13 **and BAR3. I asked him, "Is it very important?" and we**  
14 **talked about it and he said, "Not really". So I never**  
15 **had heard anything about BAR3 kissing BAR46 or trying to**  
16 **do that with BAR46, never.**

17 Q. Now in your police statement, BAR8 -- and we can -- and  
18 it is probably easiest if I bring it up for your ease.  
19 If we look at 4567, when you were explaining to the  
20 police, BAR8, in 2001 --

21 **A. Right.**

22 Q. -- so that's about [REDACTED] -- you explain to them  
23 that you spoke to ...

24 "At the time there were rumours going around the  
25 children that one of the staff members named BAR3 was

1 a homosexual."

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. "I spoke to BAR46 as a result of a conversation with  
4 BAR2. I remember that BAR46 told me that he had been on  
5 a weekend trip with BAR3" --

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. -- "I believe to Dublin. He explained that BAR3 had got  
8 into BAR46's bed beside him to comfort him after  
9 terrifying him by talking to him about spirits. He had  
10 started to cry and had got out of bed and BAR46 was very  
11 agitated."

12 Did you learn about that, about the trip to Dublin,  
13 before you talked to BAR24 or was this at some later  
14 time, and if you don't remember, you can just say to the  
15 Panel you don't remember?

16 **A. I can't remember.**

17 Q. You don't remember?

18 **A. I can't remember.**

19 Q. But --

20 **A. But I do remember going to BAR24 about all this, you  
21 know, but I can't remember some of the things I'm  
22 reading here.**

23 Q. If we just scroll down a little further -- just scroll  
24 down a little further. That's great. Thanks. We can  
25 see that:

1 "BAR24 didn't come back to me about the incident."

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. The Panel are aware that BAR24 explained in a police  
4 statement he put the note on the file and didn't report  
5 it to BAR14, but you explain in your statement:

6 "I then went to the ...

7 I also had other concerns about BAR3, including that  
8 he borrowed money from staff, including me, and that he  
9 was dishonest. I then went to [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED], BAR14, and voiced my concerns to him,  
11 explaining to him that I thought BAR3 should never work  
12 with children again."

13 Now if we just pause there, BAR14 and you worked in  
14 the same building --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- at the time and he was [REDACTED]?

17 **A. He was [REDACTED].**

18 Q. And while you worked alongside the superintendent in  
19 Macedon, if you had a problem, you could go to someone  
20 whoever was [REDACTED] which was BAR14.

21 **A. That was the procedure, yes.**

22 Q. There is a memo from BAR14 in -- [REDACTED],  
23 where he sets out his unhappiness about BAR3 and the  
24 result of it is much as you have described. He  
25 recommends really that he shouldn't work with children.

1 **A. Right.**

2 Q. That memo is all about him borrowing money from staff,  
3 borrowing money from the children's pocket money. That  
4 is BAR3 doing that. You remember telling BAR14 about  
5 that type of issue over money.

6 **A. Uh-huh. That's right.**

7 Q. But you were saying to me you don't think you ever told  
8 him about BAR46 and BAR3 touching him.

9 **A. No, I don't think I did mention that to BAR14, but I had**  
10 **thought that the superintendent would have given the**  
11 **file that I had already talked to BAR24 about BAR3. He**  
12 **said -- about BAR46. He said he would go to BAR14 about**  
13 **that.**

14 Q. So you -- as far as the --

15 **A. I surmised that he knew all about it.**

16 Q. As far as the BAR46 thing was concerned, you told BAR24.  
17 He told you he was taking it on --

18 **A. Was going to BAR14, yes.**

19 Q. -- and that was the only discussion you had about that.

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. But when it came to the other matters about money and  
22 the honesty of BAR3, you spoke directly to BAR14 about  
23 those matters?

24 **A. Right, and I --**

25 Q. Is that right?

1    **A. That's right, but I also told BAR14 that I didn't think**  
2           **that BAR3 should ever work with children, because there**  
3           **was such a lot of scandal going around the place about**  
4           **him. The children were talking about him. I told --**  
5           **I told BAR14 that.**

6    Q. That seems to be what -- I will just put it up on the  
7       screen, BAR8. It is not a document I walked you through  
8       --

9    **A. Right.**

10   Q. -- but just so the Panel can see it. If we look at 075,  
11       please, he -- BAR14 sets out the various things you have  
12       just talked about, about him taking money from the  
13       children. Then you can see at the end he says:

14            "I have grave doubts as to BAR3's reliability and  
15            certainly would not recommend him for a position of  
16            trust" --

17   **A. That's right.**

18   Q. -- "or for any post in a social work setting."

19            So that seems to reflect what you remember telling  
20       BAR14 about.

21   **A. That's right. I told BAR14 that -- about him borrowing**  
22           **the money, the children's clothing money, and how I had**  
23           **to give one child the money back. I also told him about**  
24           **the scandal and the different things that was being**  
25           **passed around by children about BAR3, and BAR14 said he**

1 **didn't think he should be working with children either.**

2 Q. So can you remember, BAR8, when you say there was talk  
3 amongst the kids being passed around about BAR3, how did  
4 you come to know about that? Did the children mention  
5 it to you?

6 **A. The children -- the children were talking about BAR3 and**  
7 **they talked about him more after he left, because they**  
8 **were afraid to talk when he was there. This was --**  
9 **a lot of it came out about BAR3 and another boy, but**  
10 **they weren't saying he abused him or anything. They**  
11 **were saying about him touching this and doing this.**  
12 **There was nothing about rape or anything, nothing like**  
13 **that, but they were talking about him. That's when**  
14 **BAR14 had said he didn't think he should be working with**  
15 **children.**

16 Q. Now it's not until 1994 when BAR46 through -- makes  
17 contact with **BAR75** --

18 **A. That's right.**

19 Q. -- you remember him -- and BAR46, as you call him then,  
20 made a statement to the police in 1994, which is Panel  
21 is aware of. It is in that statement he talks about  
22 going to Dublin with him.

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. And he makes much more serious allegations than in that  
25 statement than what had been said to you.

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. But I was asking you could you recall whether you had  
3 heard about the 1994 matters, because there's not  
4 a reference to Dublin in BAR24's file note, and you were  
5 saying to me you remember BAR46 going off to Dublin --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- with BAR3.

8 **A. I remember BAR46 going off, but I also can remember**  
9 **there was a series of meetings with staff and BAR24 and**  
10 **also the Area Board before BAR46 went to Dublin, and it**  
11 **was agreed by all those people that BAR46 should go,**  
12 **because BAR46 was a boy that never talked to anybody**  
13 **very much, and he had a good relationship with BAR3, and**  
14 **the Area Board, plus the superintendent of Macedon, plus**  
15 **all the staff there had agreed that BAR46 should go and**  
16 **that's how he got going to Dublin.**

17 Q. I am going to pause there, BAR8, just for a moment,  
18 because during the opening I raised that we didn't  
19 appear to have a record of BAR46 going off to Dublin or  
20 any approval being given for that. I'm going to ask in  
21 light of what you have just said for the Board and  
22 Barnardo's just to check again to see whether they can  
23 find any record of that.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. But that's your recollection.

1 **A. The approval was given by the Board and by the staff and**  
2 **the superintendent of Macedon.**

3 Q. And when you talked about this incident with BAR46 and  
4 BAR3 in your Inquiry statement, if we just look at 1018,  
5 please -- this is your first Inquiry statement, BAR8.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. If you just look towards the bottom of the page to  
8 paragraph 3(a), I just want to clarify something with  
9 you. You are describing in this statement in  
10 paragraph 3 the three incidents that you remember being  
11 shared with you about abuse. This first one you are  
12 talking about a boy in the unit becoming friendly with  
13 a priest who visited the children. That's BAR3 that  
14 you're talking about there?

15 **A. That is BAR3.**

16 Q. And although it is phrased in that way, he was  
17 an employee.

18 **A. He was a member of staff.**

19 Q. Yes, and it's him that you're referring to in -- at the  
20 time. You say:

21 "I reported this to [REDACTED] at the time, who  
22 I believe was BAR14 ..."

23 But from speaking to you what you reported to BAR14  
24 was other concerns about BAR3, not about his behaviour  
25 with BAR46.

1     **A.** I can't remember, but, you know, it wasn't just money  
2           that I was talking to BAR14 about. I was talking about  
3           the -- some of the children were saying things about  
4           BAR14 -- BAR3, you know, things that had happened. They  
5           weren't big things or anything, nothing like rape or  
6           anything or sexual assault or anything, but the kids  
7           were all talking about him and they were afraid of him.  
8           He used to come in with a cross round his neck and he  
9           had a bag and he called himself a doctor. The children  
10          would have told me he was treating them and treating  
11          staff for headaches and things. So I told this all to  
12          BAR14.

13     **Q.** Okay.

14     **A.** That I didn't think he was suitable for working with  
15          children.

16     **Q.** Now I want to just ask you -- this is -- the first  
17          discussion about BAR46 and BAR3 was in .

18     **A.** Right.

19     **Q.** BAR1 has lived -- worked in Macedon from [REDACTED] and BAR2  
20          has worked there from [REDACTED]. You have explained about  
21          hearing things being said about BAR3.

22     **A.** Right.

23     **Q.** Am I correct in saying that at this point in [REDACTED]  
24          you'd never heard any complaint about BAR1 or BAR2?

25     **A.** I never had heard any complaints about BAR1 or BAR2

1 other than BAR1 giving the kids the and they  
2 would have asked for that, but nothing else.

3 Q. Then -- you said that to me earlier and then I asked  
4 you, BAR8, so it was everybody knew about BAR1's  
5 ?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. And there was no great -- there was nothing hidden or  
8 secret about that?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Then the second occasion that you remember being told  
11 about something happening was BAR47 telling you about  
12 [REDACTED] --

13 A. Right.

14 Q. -- and what he did.

15 A. That's right.

16 Q. I was helping you with the date in respect of that, that  
17 the Panel are aware that it seems to be -- you made  
18 a record -- if we can look at 149, please, is a record  
19 of yours that you made on [REDACTED] the  
20 record is dated [REDACTED], but it was on [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] that BAR47 was explaining to you, BAR8,  
22 about the home visit --

23 A. Right.

24 Q. -- that her and HIA101 and HIA516 had been on to [REDACTED]

25 [REDACTED], BAR30, in [REDACTED]

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. BAR47 during that told you what he'd tried to do to her  
3 in the back bedroom.

4 **A. That's right.**

5 Q. Again it was an indecent assault that she's describing.  
6 She was not alleging that he had raped her or anything  
7 of that sort. It was that he'd tried to touch her. Do  
8 you remember that?

9 **A. I remember that, yes.**

10 Q. And you were explaining to me that you would have then  
11 shared that with BAR36?

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. And then you would have phoned the police?

14 **A. That's right.**

15 Q. And while we don't have the police file in respect of  
16 this incident, the Panel had documents by me opened to  
17 them last week showing that you were involved in  
18 supporting BAR47 making her statement to the police --

19 **A. Yes. It was me who phoned the police.**

20 Q. -- and also HIA101 speaking to the police about what he  
21 could remember.

22 **A. Right. That's right.**

23 Q. And you were explaining that then a replacement officer  
24 came up to interview both the children at Macedon --

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. -- and you were involved with that. I drew to the  
2 Panel's attention a series of points that you and I were  
3 talking about earlier about BAR47 and HIA101 speaking to  
4 the police. I am not going to go through that with you  
5 now, but again I am right in saying that through this  
6 episode, which is [REDACTED], shortly before Macedon  
7 closes, there's still no talk either from BAR47 or  
8 HIA101 or anybody else about BAR1 or BAR2.

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. And then in June Macedon closes --

11 **A. Right.**

12 Q. -- and Sharonmore opens.

13 **A. Right. That's right.**

14 Q. And you continue in the role as the [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] --

16 **A. Right.**

17 Q. -- working alongside the children. I was asking you  
18 earlier: that would have involved you seeing them on  
19 your own --

20 **A. Yes. That's right.**

21 Q. -- as well as mucking in with whatever they were doing  
22 around Sharonmore?

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. I was asking you -- you were involved with the [REDACTED]  
25 [REDACTED], HIA516, BAR47 and HIA101, but also BAR29,

1 HIA216, BAR39 --

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. -- and then BAR46 and BAR37 and BAR38.

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. You were explaining that BAR38 ultimately was fostered  
6 out before Sharonmore.

7 **A. Uh-huh. That's right.**

8 Q. But you worked with all of those children --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and they are the ones who ultimately would many years  
11 later, not at the time, but they were the group who made  
12 allegations about BAR1 and BAR2.

13 **A. That's right.**

14 Q. And they made a lot of those allegations to you to begin  
15 with --

16 **A. That's right.**

17 Q. -- which then formed part of the police inquiry. We  
18 will touch on that shortly, but am I right in saying,  
19 BAR8, that there was -- they never said anything to you  
20 while they were in Macedon or Sharonmore about BAR1 or  
21 BAR2?

22 **A. No, they never.**

23 Q. And you in working with them didn't notice anything in  
24 their behaviour that caused you any concern about their  
25 relationship with BAR2 or BAR1 or any other member of

1 staff?

2 **A. Not with the relationship, but their behaviour was very**  
3 **difficult in Macedon and furthermore up in Sharonmore**  
4 **too.**

5 Q. Their general behaviour?

6 **A. Their general behaviour was very bad.**

7 Q. Yes, and you were explaining -- you gave some examples  
8 that HIA516 in particular -- you explained why he ended  
9 up being sent to Rathgael.

10 **A. Right.**

11 Q. Can I also ask you -- you mentioned being aware of the  
12 [REDACTED] the reference to BAR1, but to the extent  
13 that you were present working with the children you  
14 didn't notice anything about the behaviour of BAR1 or  
15 BAR2 or any other member of staff that caused you  
16 concern at the time?

17 **A. No. Well, BAR1 worked in the other unit from me and**  
18 **I wouldn't have seen very much of BAR1, but I would have**  
19 **seen her at Macedon, but I never had any -- I have never**  
20 **had any concerns about her.**

21 Q. The Panel are aware that BAR2 left Sharonmore to take up  
22 a new post in [REDACTED]

23 **A. Right.**

24 Q. Had you been able to work alongside him for a period  
25 then that you would have --

1 **A. That's right. I worked with BAR2 and I didn't see**  
2 **anything wrong with BAR2 at all.**

3 Q. That has us moving on from -- I know you continue to  
4 work in Sharonmore, but the next time someone tells you  
5 something about what might have happened to them was  
6 HIA216 --

7 **A. That's right.**

8 Q. -- in [REDACTED]. You explain that -- there's a record I am  
9 just going put on the screen, BAR8, and then I am going  
10 to summarise it for you.

11 **A. Right.**

12 Q. It begins at 227, please. It's a record of your home  
13 visit to HIA216 on [REDACTED]

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. I opened this record to the Panel last week. I am just  
16 going summarise it for you now, that it would seem from  
17 the first couple of sentences that you had previously  
18 been told by HIA216 something about BAR4, [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED] who had done volunteering in Macedon --

20 **A. Right. That's right.**

21 Q. -- because you -- if we just --

22 "I explained the purpose for visiting was in  
23 relation to information she'd given to me in confidence  
24 some time ago."

25 So you as part of your work would have visited the

1 likes of HIA216 in her home, which then was in  
2 [REDACTED].

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. At some stage during that interaction she told you  
5 something to do with something that happened to her.

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. And if we just can go to the end of the memo at 229,  
8 please, we can see that the memo would suggest, BAR8, in  
9 this last section that what she was telling you on this  
10 occasion was more information than she had told you on  
11 whatever date the previous disclosure was --

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. -- because now she's said to you that she's able to tell  
14 you it was a surname, where she thought the person  
15 lived, where she thought they'd gone to work on after  
16 leaving Macedon, and that was it seems more information  
17 than whatever you'd been told on the earlier occasion.

18 **A. Right. That's right.**

19 Q. I am right in saying there doesn't appear to be a record  
20 of whatever she told you the time before. You were  
21 saying to me depending on what she said and how she said  
22 it there might not be a record of it.

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. If we go back to the first page at 227, the Panel are  
25 aware from this document that down towards the bottom

1 initially HIA216 is saying to you that this that she is  
2 describing happened when she was -- I think she said  
3 or -- sorry -- or , which would have been [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED].

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Obviously BAR4 didn't work there until [REDACTED].

7 **A. Right.**

8 Q. But the nature of the abuse that she describes, if we  
9 scroll on to the next page, she tells you about two  
10 methods of touching, that he touched her in the cottage  
11 --

12 **A. Right.**

13 Q. -- and then touched her on the way home. It was this  
14 inappropriate touching that she was describing to you --

15 **A. Yes, that's right.**

16 Q. -- indecent assault.

17 **A. That's right.**

18 Q. It seems -- I was asking you -- you would have dictated  
19 these memos and then they would have been passed to  
20 BAR40 for typing.

21 **A. That's right.**

22 Q. If we look, please, at 198, I was saying to you that  
23 BAR40 wrote a memo at the time of being asked to type up  
24 your file note --

25 **A. Right.**

1 Q. -- because she remembered she says:

2 "On typing the above report and seeing the name  
3 'BAR4' ..."

4 she was able to remember certain things about that.  
5 She remembered that it was in **BAR23** 's time as  
6 **██████████** that he worked there.

7 **A. Right.**

8 Q. She then gives some further detail about HIA216 being  
9 fond of BAR4.

10 "She would seek him out and ask when he was next on  
11 duty."

12 Then it seems he had applied for a job and was  
13 unsuccessful. Then he moved on into other work of  
14 a different kind.

15 What I want to show the Panel, which we didn't look  
16 at last week, if we can look, please, at 7644, please.  
17 Just bear with me for a moment, BAR8. This  
18 is a statement -- it all gets very confusing -- that  
19 BAR40 made to the police in 2000 --

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. -- where she explains a -- she does not record this in  
22 her note in **██████**, but she explains that she remembers  
23 an incident when -- if we just scroll down a little bit,  
24 please, we can see it begins:

25 "I recall an incident, which I believe was in the

1 afternoon. I remember this incident very clearly.  
2 I was in the office with **BAR23** . He was concerned  
3 because the minibus was due back. I knew that BAR4 had  
4 taken the minibus out with HIA216. It was coming up to  
5 the time that the minibus was needed. BAR4 came into  
6 the office leaving the keys in and was chatting with **BAR23**  
7 **BAR23** and I. I remember a purposeful knock at the  
8 door. The door was closed. HIA216 walked straight in.  
9 This was so unlike HIA216. She didn't like coming into  
10 the office. She had terribly low self-esteem normally  
11 and avoided eye contact. This incident was different.  
12 It seemed a purposeful visit. She had something on her  
13 mind. She said to **BAR23** that she needed to speak  
14 to him. She looked sideways and saw BAR4 on one side of  
15 the office. She turned her head away. HIA216 reddened.  
16 **BAR23** asked her, 'What is it?' and BAR4 added,  
17 'What's the matter, HIA216?' or something similar. He  
18 interrupted **BAR30** when it was actually  
19 inappropriate for him to do so, when HIA216 had  
20 addressed **BAR23** , **BAR23** .  
21 HIA216 went very, very red. She wouldn't speak.  
22 I believe BAR4 got up, put his hand on her shoulder and  
23 asked her again what the matter was and if she wasn't  
24 talking to him. She left the office hurriedly, saying,  
25 'It doesn't matter'. **BAR23** followed her out of

1 the office. She appeared upset and uncomfortable.  
2 I asked BAR4 was something wrong with HIA216. He  
3 shrugged his shoulders, raising his arms, and said he  
4 had no idea, that she was fine earlier. **BAR23**  
5 returned to the office and BAR4 asked was she all right.  
6 **BAR23** said that HIA216 wouldn't talk to him. He  
7 asked BAR4 about HIA216 being upset, how she'd been  
8 during her outing, did he know why she was upset or what  
9 she wanted to talk about. BAR4 said no" -- scroll down,  
10 please -- "that she'd been in good form all day and that  
11 he had no idea what was wrong with her. **BAR23**  
12 was perplexed by the incident. I only saw BAR4 once  
13 after he left Macedon."

14 The reason why I am showing you that, BAR8, is that  
15 later on when HIA216 speaks to the police again, she  
16 suggests that you and BAR36 were part of this incident.  
17 You were saying to me she's wrong about that.

18 **A. Uh-huh.**

19 **Q. You definitely didn't know of this incident.**

20 **A. I didn't know. I didn't even -- I can't even remember**  
21 **what BAR4 was like. I wasn't in the office at that**  
22 **time. I didn't know anything about it.**

23 **Q. And if BAR40 is right, it was **BAR23** and her**  
24 **--**

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. -- that were in the office with BAR4, and you had no  
2 involvement in it?

3 **A. I had no involvement in that at all.**

4 Q. Now I took that digression, because I want to take you  
5 back now to you visited her in [REDACTED] -- that's  
6 HIA216 -- and she's told you a bit about BAR4, about  
7 being [REDACTED] at the time. You have gone off and had  
8 discussions back at Barnardo's and then you come back  
9 and see her when you are next able to in [REDACTED]  
10 I think you had tried to see her in the meantime. She  
11 had been on holiday.

12 **A. She was away. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. If we look, please, at 230, this is your file note of  
14 having gone back to see HIA216, and you explain to  
15 her -- her boyfriend is with her at the time. Then if  
16 we scroll down a little bit, please, it says:

17 "I explained to HIA216 the purpose of my visit was  
18 to clarify some of the information she had related."

19 You then tell her:

20 "I told HIA216 that our information", that's in  
21 Barnardo's information, "would lead [you] to believe  
22 that she was on -- he was on placement in Macedon for  
23 a period of time during the [REDACTED] and he was  
24 based in the [REDACTED] cottage for the duration of that  
25 placement."

1           You pointed out to her that she would have been  
2           approximately [REDACTED] at the time and not [REDACTED] years, as she had  
3           said on the last visit. Then you had got some further  
4           information about his -- what he was to work at after he  
5           had left -- if we scroll down further, please -- and  
6           HIA216 accepted the information that you'd given her.  
7           She said she'd made a genuine mistake over her age --

8           **A. That's right.**

9           Q. -- and what happened, but am I right in saying -- she  
10          says then at the bottom:

11          "HIA216 said that since she last talked with me she  
12          had given some thought to that particular time in her  
13          life and BAR4's relationship with her. She recounted  
14          other instances when BAR4 had made sexual advances  
15          towards her. According to HIA216 those took place  
16          outside Macedon, usually on the return journey from  
17          [REDACTED] when she had been visiting his home.

18          I questioned HIA216 as to the frequency of her  
19          visits to his home, involvement of the family, where the  
20          sexual acts had taken place, how frequent."

21          She explained she had been quite a frequent visitor:

22          "As far as she could recollect [REDACTED]  
23          [REDACTED] had usually been present during the visits. No  
24          sexual advances were made when she was at his home.  
25          However, when visiting BAR4's home, he travelled the

1 ordinary route".

2 and then on the way back he took this road along  
3 the Hightown, and BAR4 had regularly forced her hand  
4 between his legs.

5 If we scroll down, please, further, I think  
6 that's -- we are missing a page of the memo. If we can  
7 go, please -- just bear with me a moment, please, BAR8.  
8 If we can go to 84... -- 8466, please, we get the third  
9 page, BAR8. Unfortunately the other copy has  
10 a page missing at the end:

11 "At this point in our discussions HIA216 said quite  
12 sadly ..."

13 Then you quote her as saying:

14 "'You know, I should have told staff, but I was  
15 afraid that they wouldn't believe me and nothing done.  
16 Things changed in Macedon, you know. You don't remember  
17 what it was like. Kids were afraid to say anything  
18 about staff. This was before your time in Macedon.  
19 Things changed over the years.'"

20 Did you -- we talked earlier about how you saw the  
21 children and whether they seemed afraid about telling  
22 staff. You didn't feel that at the time?

23 **A. I didn't feel that at the time, but as time went on,  
24 I felt that there was staff coming and going so soon, so  
25 infrequently -- so frequently, I wouldn't have known**

1       some of the staff. They were there one day and next day  
2       they were gone. Maybe the next day new staff would have  
3       been there, and some of them were very, very young, and  
4       some of the children would have been quite elderly  
5       leaving care. They didn't want to talk to staff. So  
6       HIA216 would have said to me she was afraid to talk to  
7       staff. They wouldn't have believed her, and I think  
8       maybe this was something the children did feel.

9       Q. But that wouldn't have been the case for you --

10      A. No.

11      Q. -- because you were there ...?

12      A. I was talking to them. They could have talked to me at  
13      any time they wanted.

14      Q. Yes, and --

15      A. And other staff forby me. You know, it wasn't just me.  
16      There was other staff they could have talked to.

17      Q. And am I right in saying, BAR8, that the allegations  
18      that were made to you here in [REDACTED] was about BAR4  
19      touching HIA216? There was nothing more than that --

20      A. Nothing more than that --

21      Q. -- alleged?

22      A. -- no.

23      Q. Now I am going to pause at this point, BAR8, and just  
24      take another diversion, I am afraid, because when you --  
25      in looking at these documents in [REDACTED]

1 when you make your statement to the police in 2001 --

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. -- as part of the Macedon Inquiry, you in addition tell  
4 them that during this sequence of events that we have  
5 been looking at HIA216 also told you about BAR2.

6 **A. That's right.**

7 Q. I just want to look, please, at your police statement at  
8 8503. Now this is the same police statement -- it's the  
9 third page of it -- from 25th April 2001. You explain:

10 "I have been shown a report recording the visit with  
11 HIA216 and her disclosures made to me."

12 Those are the documents we have just been looking  
13 at.

14 **A. Right.**

15 Q. "HIA1216 during the same visit told me that BAR2 had  
16 rubbed his hand up and down her thigh while on a run in  
17 one of the vehicles belonging to the home and that he  
18 had stopped the vehicle up a lane at the Glenavna Hotel.  
19 She explained that she felt uncomfortable and told him  
20 to stop or she would tell other staff. She explained  
21 that he did stop. I questioned her further if anything  
22 else had happened. She explained to me that BAR2's  
23 family lived [REDACTED] and that she wanted no bother.  
24 She told me that if I wanted to know about BAR2 to go to  
25 BAR47, who could tell me much more about him.

1 I questioned her further and HIA216 told me just to go  
2 and ask BAR47. She wouldn't talk to me further, but she  
3 did ask me not to record this, as she was too afraid."

4 Now if we just pause at this point, you think that  
5 this conversation with HIA216 where she referred to BAR2  
6 rubbing his hand on her thigh was at the same time as  
7 she was telling you about BAR4 in [REDACTED].

8 **A. I don't -- I can't remember. I don't think so. I can't**  
9 **remember.**

10 Q. Right, and whenever she told you this, at whatever point  
11 it was, you do remember going and talking to BAR36 and  
12 **BAR79** [REDACTED].

13 **A. That's right.**

14 Q. I think **BAR79** [REDACTED] -- we can check this -- I think he  
15 left in [REDACTED], which would make it at some date before  
16 that --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- but we can check that to be sure, and you remember  
19 having -- you remember having this discussion with BAR36  
20 and **BAR79** [REDACTED] about what HIA216 had told you --

21 **A. I do remember that well.**

22 Q. -- as far as it related to BAR2.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. You explain then in your statement that:

25 "I did go to **BAR79** [REDACTED] and BAR36, [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED], told them both about HIA216's disclosures about  
2 both BAR4 and BAR2."

3 Then you go on -- in a file note, when you were  
4 speaking to BAR13 in 1999, I am just going to show you  
5 what **BAR13** has recorded at 17791, please. She records  
6 you in the telephone call, BAR8, as having said:

7 "BAR8 had gone to **BAR79** ([REDACTED])  
8 and BAR36. BAR8 said **BAR79** did not think that any action  
9 could be taken."

10 **A. That's right.**

11 Q. "She felt she wasn't allowed to do anything."

12 **A. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. Then you go on to talk about -- and we will come back to  
14 this -- phoning the police so that HIA216 was  
15 interviewed.

16 **A. Right.**

17 Q. So it seems that the time period was being set together  
18 at this stage in 1991. You brought up:

19 "During this episode HIA216 had also spoken of BAR2  
20 taking her in the minibus, rubbing his hand on her  
21 thigh. BAR8 asked if this had gone any further. HIA216  
22 said, 'No, but if you go to BAR47, she will be able to  
23 tell you a whole lot more'. HIA216 was sure there was  
24 a sexual relationship between BAR47 and BAR2."

25 That was her belief that she was telling you about.

1     **A. Right.**

2     **Q. Then:**

3             "BAR8 brought this up with **BAR79**, who said she  
4     had no basis to question BAR47. BAR8 ignored this and  
5     had questioned BAR47, who at the time denied any  
6     relationship."

7             Now can I ask you, BAR8, doing the best that you  
8     can, can you remember the conversation with **BAR79**  
9     and BAR36? What were you telling them, what were they  
10    telling you to do and why were you telling -- why were  
11    they telling you?

12    **A. Right. Well, when I went in to see **BAR79** and**  
13    **BAR36, I told them what had happened that HIA216 had**  
14    **told me, and I said that BAR4 had worked out at Macedon,**  
15    **and he said that HIA216 had left a long time and there**  
16    **was nothing -- Barnardo's was not to do anything about**  
17    **it, but I was to go -- if I wanted to anything about it,**  
18    **I should go and contact -- that HIA216 could contact the**  
19    **police, and I said, "Well, I know that, but there's**  
20    **other children here who were working -- living down in**  
21    **Macedon and something could have happened them". He**  
22    **says, "You are not to go to any child to ask them about**  
23    **anything. They must come to you first and make**  
24    **a statement" and that's the way it was left.**

25    **Q. So --**

1    **A.**    I took HIA216 to the police station, supported her  
2            through that, and I wasn't allowed to go in with her,  
3            because she was over 17.

4    Q.    Let me pause you there, BAR3, because --

5    **A.**    **Sorry.**

6    Q.    -- you're fine -- I am going to come to that work with  
7            HIA216 to help her make her statement in

8    **A.**    **Right.**

9    Q.    But I just want to stay on this with **BAR79** ,  
10           because you had suggested you could go and speak to  
11           BAR47 --

12   **A.**    **I did.**

13   Q.    -- which is what HIA216 suggested you could do --

14   **A.**    **Right.**

15   Q.    -- and **BAR79** and BAR36 told you not to do that --

16   **A.**    **Right. I wasn't to do that.**

17   Q.    -- but you did it anyway.

18   **A.**    **Uh-huh. That's right.**

19   Q.    You ignored them and went and spoke to BAR47. You  
20           explain in your police statement -- it was on the screen  
21           a moment ago; I am not going to bring it up again -- you  
22           went to speak to her and you asked her had BAR2  
23           interfered with her in any way.

24   **A.**    **Right.**

25   Q.    She told you that he hadn't.

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. And that was the end of the ...

3 **A. That was the end of that, but I was so sure -- when**  
4 **HIA216 was telling me about BAR47 and BAR2, I was so**  
5 **sure that something had happened and that's why I wanted**  
6 **BAR79** to do something about the whole lot.

7 Q. But that was based on what HIA216 was telling you --

8 **A. HIA216 told me.**

9 Q. -- she believed.

10 **A. She believed it.**

11 Q. The next question we were discussing earlier, BAR8,  
12 there isn't a record of any of this part to do with  
13 BAR2.

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. I am not aware of Barnardo's producing to the Inquiry  
16 anything in **BAR79**'s hand, or BAR36's hand, or  
17 indeed your hand recording HIA216 telling you about BAR2  
18 or the discussions about what to do about it, or any  
19 discussion -- a record of the discussion with BAR47.

20 Can you think back to why it wouldn't have been written  
21 down whenever you did write down the part about BAR4?

22 **A. I can't recall. I can remember going down with HIA216**  
23 **to the police station and they took a statement of**  
24 **HIA216, and I had told HIA216 about **BAR79** and**  
25 **BAR36, that I had went to them and I wasn't to do**

1           **anything with her, because she was out of Barnardo's so**  
2           **long, but she had to take it to the police, and I think**  
3           **maybe that was what it was. I don't know. I can't**  
4           **remember.**

5    Q.    Okay, but just taking that point up then, you have  
6           mentioned you took -- you arranged to take HIA216 to the  
7           police, BAR8.

8    A.    **That's right. Uh-huh.**

9    Q.    That was in -- on [REDACTED] HIA216 made her  
10           statement to the police then, and the reference for that  
11           is at 7614, and you were involved in that process. You  
12           were saying you were made sit outside while she made her  
13           statement.

14   A.    **Yes, because she was over 17, and I couldn't sit with**  
15           **her.**

16   Q.    Yes. I think she was [REDACTED]

17   A.    **Uh-huh.**

18   Q.    -- at the time. That police statement just, as you  
19           know, refers just to BAR4. It doesn't make any  
20           reference --

21   A.    **Uh-huh.**

22   Q.    -- to BAR2, and the two types of incident are described.  
23           I am not going to go into those any further at this  
24           point. HIA216 did explain to the police that she did  
25           tell a friend of hers, and that's another girl that you

1 know, which was **BAR70** .

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. And **BAR70** made a statement to the police  
4 confirming that she had been told by HIA216 that BAR4  
5 had touched her and that was the extent of what was  
6 being alleged. The police didn't prosecute -- the DPP  
7 didn't prosecute that case and you remember being  
8 involved or being aware of that --

9 **A. Yes, I was aware that they didn't prosecute.**

10 Q. -- because if we look at 8470, please, this is another  
11 file note, BAR8, from **BAR70** . So it's a year --  
12 just over a year from you took HIA216 to the police  
13 station.

14 **A. Right.**

15 Q. You are recording visiting her and **BAR70** , and  
16 HIA216 is recounting that the police explained to her  
17 that the matter wasn't going to be progressed --

18 **A. That's right.**

19 Q. -- due to -- if we scroll down -- the reasons that you  
20 were told:

21 "Due to the intervening period of time ... and the  
22 delay in informing the authorities ...",

23 the matter wasn't going to go forward.

24 I just want to check with you, BAR8, for clarity so  
25 that it is on the record for the Panel that in 2000

1 HIA216 claims to the police that the sexual abuse was  
2 much more serious, including rapes, and that it was done  
3 also in front of [REDACTED] in the house.

4 Those allegations were never made to you in [REDACTED]?

5 **A. No. They were never made to me. I never knew that**  
6 **until the police became involved later on.**

7 **Q. Did you ever speak to HIA216 after 2000, when she made**  
8 **the more serious allegations, given that you'd worked**  
9 **with her in [REDACTED], "Why didn't you tell me all of this**  
10 **back then, HIA216?"**

11 **A. Well, I did say that to HIA216. I said that to quite**  
12 **a few of them. I said, "Why didn't you tell someone?**  
13 **If not me, why didn't you tell -- come and say**  
14 **something?" They said they wouldn't have been believed.**  
15 **I said, "But I believe you, you know", but they said**  
16 **they didn't want to tell. HIA216 was afraid to tell.**  
17 **HIA216 wanted everything kept away from her. She lived**  
18 **in [REDACTED], BAR2 lived in [REDACTED] and she was**  
19 **afraid of his family and the connections he had.**

20 **Q. I'm thinking more of BAR4, for instance. He was away.**

21 **A. Uh-huh. Well, she never told -- I don't know. She**  
22 **never told me. She said that if she had told, they**  
23 **would have said, "Oh, aye. You go to BAR3 or somebody,**  
24 **you know, to tell things like that", but she never told**  
25 **me anything. I never knew anything about BAR4 other**

1 **than she had put down on paper.**

2 Q. Am I correct in saying, BAR8, that through that whole  
3 process where there's discussion, you speak to HIA216,  
4 you talk to **BAR79** and BAR36 about the BAR2 part, you speak  
5 to BAR47, there's no reference to BAR1 ever? There's  
6 no -- these -- either HIA216 or BAR47 never say anything  
7 to you about BAR1?

8 **A. HIA216 -- none of them said anything bad about BAR1.**  
9 **They just said about the [REDACTED], as I have already**  
10 **said, but they never said anything about her abusing**  
11 **them or anything. Nothing like that.**

12 Q. I know you were saying your throat -- so have some  
13 water. Are you okay to carry on --

14 **A. Okay.**

15 Q. -- and we'll shortly finish or do you want ...?

16 CHAIRMAN: Well, there's still quite a lot to go, to do.  
17 I think we might take a short break of about  
18 ten minutes.

19 MR AIKEN: We'll give you a break, BAR8, just for a few  
20 minutes --

21 **A. That's okay. That's all right.**

22 Q. -- to let you get a glass a water --

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. -- and allow your throat to settle.

25 (3.10 pm)

1 (Short break)

2 (3.30 pm)

3 MR AIKEN: BAR8, before we took the break we had got to the  
4 end of talking about HIA216 and ██████ interspersed with  
5 police statements in 2000 and telephone memos in '97.  
6 What I want to do now is bring you further on up to  
7 towards the time of the Macedon Inquiry.

8 **A. Right.**

9 Q. The period where this begins is '97, '98, '99.

10 **A. Right.**

11 Q. You were explaining to me that you continued to have  
12 good relationships with children, now adults, such as  
13 the ██████ children.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. I was saying to you that in BAR47's police statement,  
16 for instance, not the first one she made in '98 where  
17 there aren't allegations made, but in 2000, in May of  
18 2000, when she makes allegations, she says that you were  
19 like a mother to her.

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. HIA101, when he makes his police statement in 1998, when  
22 he makes allegations, he says that it was after he had  
23 contacted you, that you'd treated him like a mother  
24 would, he felt he was strong enough then to make  
25 a complaint.

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. I'll deal with Barnardo's over the sequence of events  
3 over files being obtained on various individuals, but  
4 can I ask you: can you remember when you first became  
5 aware that someone was making a serious allegation about  
6 BAR2? Now by that I don't mean to diminish the  
7 suggestion by HIA216 that he rubbed her thigh, but  
8 I mean the allegations became ones of multiple rapes --

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. -- and similarly from BAR1, who up to this point there  
11 hadn't been allegations about, can you remember who of  
12 that group of young people, now adults, that you kept or  
13 kept in touch with you -- can you remember who first  
14 made the allegations?

15 **A. Yes, I can. I remember BAR29 from [REDACTED]. BAR29**  
16 **and [REDACTED] used to come the odd time to my house**  
17 **and do different bits of work in the garden. I can**  
18 **remember I was with BAR47. BAR47 was her friend, and**  
19 **I was down visiting them one day, and they started**  
20 **talking about Barnardo's Macedon, and BAR29 started**  
21 **telling me all about BAR2. I couldn't believe this,**  
22 **what I heard, and she -- I said, "Why didn't you tell**  
23 **that to someone before? Why didn't you tell it in**  
24 **[REDACTED] 's unit? Why didn't you tell it in**  
25 **Macedon?" She told this, that BAR2 had raped her.**

1 She told me that one time they were away on holiday,  
2 Macedon was on holiday, and BAR2 had raped her there,  
3 and I said to her, "I can remember you coming home from  
4 that holiday", and I could remember her vividly when she  
5 told me about it, but I remember her coming home, and  
6 I can't remember if it was night or if it was in the  
7 morning, but I was called in to deal with BAR29. BAR29  
8 was crying hysterically and all the rest of it. There  
9 was a man called -- he came from Sharonmore -- came from  
10 [REDACTED] -- [REDACTED]. He was [REDACTED]  
11 then. I remember he took all these notes about BAR29  
12 and I examined BAR29 while another member of staff was  
13 there, and there was black marks on her back, and  
14 I pointed this out, that there was marks on BAR29's  
15 back, but BAR29 never said anything else. She just said  
16 that BAR2 was the one who done all these things to her,  
17 and I remember I phoned BAR13, and I said to her about  
18 this, and it was then the police was brought in to deal  
19 with some of the things that was being said, for BAR47  
20 had said things that day too about BAR2.

21 Q. Now I am going to pause you there and I am going to --  
22 sometimes I use the word "unpack".

23 A. Right.

24 Q. The Inquiry staff mock me for using that word. So I am  
25 going to use the word "unravel". I don't mean to

1 suggest what you have said is confused --

2 **A. Right.**

3 Q. -- but I am going to just unravel a little bit of that  
4 with you, if I may. As far as BAR29 was concerned, both  
5 her and BAR47 were two girls who kept in touch with you  
6 over the years --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- through to 1998/'99. You would have seen both of  
9 them from time to time, BAR47 perhaps more often. Is  
10 that fair?

11 **A. That's right.**

12 Q. And what I understand you to be saying is that you could  
13 remember that at a point in BAR29's time living in  
14 Barnardo's Macedon or Sharonmore, whichever one it was,  
15 her coming back from the holiday and being hysterical --

16 **A. That's right.**

17 Q. -- and there are documents about that sequence of events  
18 to my recollection, but just to be clear, she did not  
19 make any allegation to you at that time that BAR2 had  
20 done something on her.

21 **A. She did say BAR2 had done something on her.**

22 Q. She did say?

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. Right, and what was it that she was alleging BAR2 --  
25 because it wasn't a rape allegation.

1 **A. No.**

2 Q. What was it she claimed he had done?

3 **A. She said something about him coming into her bedroom and**  
4 **doing something. She ran away from BAR2. She ran away**  
5 **from the holiday place where they were staying. She**  
6 **found -- she went into a phone box and she was lying**  
7 **there. She was going to stay the night there she was so**  
8 **terrified of going home to BAR2 being there. These two**  
9 **men found her and brought her home. Now that's as far**  
10 **back as I can remember. I am trying to remember, but**  
11 **I can't.**

12 Q. No. That's fine, but I am right in saying there was no  
13 allegation that he sexually assaulted her at the time?

14 **A. No. She was just saying it was BAR2. That's all she**  
15 **kept saying.**

16 Q. Right, and I think BAR9 was involved in that and we will  
17 look at the documents and can lay that out.

18 **A. Right.**

19 Q. That's what -- when she was talking to you in '98/'99,  
20 you were then able to remember the holiday incident.

21 **A. Right.**

22 Q. Was she telling you in '98/'99 that that's when it  
23 happened?

24 **A. I can remember that night. I can remember it. I don't**  
25 **know whether it was the morning -- the night-time or it**

1 was in the morning, but I remember being called to go  
2 down to Macedon to try to calm BAR29 down, and it was  
3 then that BAR29 told BAR2 -- [REDACTED] and myself and  
4 a member of staff all of this.

5 Q. And when you say "all of this", that's that --

6 A. BAR2 had gone --

7 Q. -- had gone into her room?

8 A. -- and done something. Now she didn't say exactly what  
9 it was, but she said she ran away frightened of him, and  
10 the two men had found her in a telephone box and brought  
11 her home. Now I can't remember whether it was brought  
12 home to Macedon that night or whether it was in the  
13 morning time I went down. I can't remember, but  
14 I remember examining her back and there was black marks  
15 on her back. There was bruising finger -- like  
16 fingermarks on her back.

17 Q. Right. Now whatever it was and whatever way the  
18 sequence of events, there was nothing reported to the  
19 police about that in [REDACTED] Whatever it was  
20 you were dealing with at the time with BAR29, it wasn't  
21 something that was referred to the police.

22 A. I don't know whether [REDACTED] referred it to the  
23 police or not, because he was very -- he was a very  
24 serious man. He took things very seriously, and I don't  
25 know whether -- I can't remember what he done with that,

1           **but he took the whole statement down from BAR29.**

2    Q.   Right.  So that was the first time that an allegation  
3           was made --

4    **A.   About --**

5    Q.   -- about BAR2.  In 1998/'99 BAR29 claimed to you  
6           together with BAR47 --

7    **A.   That he done ...**

8    Q.   -- that he'd raped her?

9    **A.   Yes.**

10   Q.   When was --

11   CHAIRMAN:  I am not sure those dates are correct.  When  
12           did -- when was the first time, BAR8, that you became  
13           aware that BAR29 or BAR47 were saying that BAR2 had  
14           raped either of them?  That's apart from anything else  
15           he'd done.

16   **A.   It was during a visit down to BAR29's house with BAR47.**  
17           **This -- we started talking about different things about**  
18           **Macedon.**

19   Q.   Yes.  That's a long time later, isn't it?

20   **A.   Yes.**

21   Q.   '98/'99, something like that?

22   **A.   Uh-huh, and then she said something that had happened to**  
23           **her on the holiday.  Well, I recalled the holiday.**  
24           **I remembered it --**

25   Q.   Yes, we understand that.

1 **A. -- when she was telling me about it.**

2 Q. So that took you back to what you remembered?

3 **A. That took me back to [REDACTED] and what I**  
4 **had remembered that day.**

5 Q. I am sorry to interrupt, but I wrote here, and I will  
6 just ask you when we're doing this: what did BAR47 say  
7 during that meeting at the house years later?

8 **A. BAR47 was saying very little. It was BAR29, in fact,**  
9 **said to me, "Ask BAR47 and she'll tell you more".**

10 Q. Right, but did BAR47 say anything to you then or was it  
11 later on?

12 **A. It was later on.**

13 Q. I see. How long later was it? Was it --

14 **A. It was during the court case.**

15 Q. I see.

16 **A. It was when Geoff was the policeman. The RUC man was**  
17 **speaking to BAR47 and speaking to the children.**

18 Q. Thank you.

19 MR AIKEN: So your recollection -- and we will look into  
20 this further, BAR8 -- was that after that exchange that  
21 day with BAR29 and BAR47 you spoke to BAR13 --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- who was then [REDACTED] in Northern  
24 Ireland.

25 **A. I did. I phoned [REDACTED] on the phone.**

1 Q. You told her about the allegations of BAR29.

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Now what I wanted -- that's an allegation of rape being  
4 made against BAR2.

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Can you remember who first made an allegation to you  
7 about BAR1?

8 A. BAR29 and BAR47.

9 Q. At the same time?

10 A. No, shortly after it, while it was being -- I don't  
11 know. When I phoned BAR13, BAR13 was getting the police  
12 in to investigate this all, you know. I can't remember  
13 whether BAR47 -- the police did come. That's right.  
14 Geoff came and he was talking to BAR29 and talking to  
15 BAR47, and it was then that that all came -- that BAR47  
16 said then that she had been with BAR2.

17 Q. And were you present when that was taking place as well?

18 A. I was present. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Right. Well, I'll look into with Barnardo's more of the  
20 documents to see if we can get a clear chronology.

21 A. That will be on the police files, because Geoff was  
22 taking all the notes.

23 Q. Yes, but your recollection is that BAR47 and BAR29, who  
24 were friends themselves --

25 A. Right. That's right.

1 Q. -- isn't that right --

2 A. **Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- they were making together --

4 A. **They weren't making together. They were separate.**

5 **Geoff interviewed them separately.**

6 Q. Right, but what I'm asking you about is when they first  
7 made it to you --

8 A. **Right.**

9 Q. -- because they made it to you --

10 A. **That's right.**

11 Q. -- before they made it to the police --

12 A. **That's right.**

13 Q. -- and were they together telling you what BAR2 had done  
14 and what BAR1 had done?

15 A. **They were together when they were telling me about BAR1,  
16 but not with BAR2.**

17 Q. So with BAR2 BAR47 was present, but only BAR29 was  
18 making the allegations?

19 A. **That's right.**

20 Q. But in relation to BAR1 they told you that together --

21 A. **That's right.**

22 Q. -- at a later date?

23 A. **That's right.**

24 Q. Now it's a matter that we can look further at, but

25 BAR47's police statement of 2nd July 1998 -- I just draw

1 this to the Panel's attention at this point -- doesn't  
2 make allegations herself, but does refer to what others  
3 are said to have told her. I just need to check.  
4 I don't believe there's a reference to BAR29, but I can  
5 check that. That statement is at 4367 to 4369, but  
6 BAR47 does make a statement to police in -- on 18th  
7 May 2000 and that does make allegations about BAR2. So  
8 that's about two years after her first police statement  
9 and, then on 26th May 2000 she makes another police  
10 statement, this time about BAR1, and then also about  
11 BAR2.

12 You explain, BAR8, in your Inquiry statement in  
13 paragraphs 7 to 9, if we can look, please, at 1020 --  
14 can we bring up 1020? I will just summarise it while it  
15 comes up, BAR8, but you -- as part of -- you came out of  
16 retirement to facilitate the various, now adults, young  
17 people that you worked with in Macedon and Sharonmore  
18 through the police investigation and the trial process.

19 **A. That's right.**

20 Q. And you did that alongside **BAR89**, for instance,  
21 who brought you down today you were explaining to me.

22 **A. Right.**

23 Q. You have explained in paragraph 7 how you were treated  
24 by these now adults --

25 **A. Right.**

1 Q. -- that they had a very high view of you and were very  
2 warm towards you. You contrast that then with HIA50.  
3 Just before I turn to HIA50, BAR8, I want to just ask  
4 you one other matter out of your statement. If we go  
5 back to the page before, please, at paragraph 4, I was  
6 asking you about -- you were telling me about children  
7 having their own key worker, their residential social  
8 worker, who they could talk to.

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. Then the way Barnardo's was set up they had the  
11 advantage, as it were, of you coming in as a separate  
12 [REDACTED], as it were --

13 **A. Right.**

14 Q. -- not a residential one per se, but coming in to work  
15 alongside them.

16 **A. Right.**

17 Q. Then in paragraph 4 just at the second half, the last  
18 sentence -- not the last sentence -- the second last  
19 sentence, you say:

20 "I also recall inspectors coming from Dundonald to  
21 see the children on a regular basis."

22 **A. That's right.**

23 Q. Was that the departmental inspectors you are talking  
24 about?

25 **A. That's right, yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. Were they from -- can you remember -- the Social Work  
2 Advisory Group, SWAG? Is that how you knew them as?

3 A. No, no. They came -- I think that each home had -- had  
4 to get inspectors that came in, and they would have come  
5 in, but they wouldn't have been like what it was in  
6 Macedon. The children weren't seen in Macedon, but the  
7 children in Sharonmore, they would sit down and have  
8 their tea with them, talk to them, talk to them  
9 individually on their own whenever they wanted, but that  
10 wasn't the case in Macedon. You would never have seen  
11 them in Macedon.

12 Q. So it is Sharonmore you remember the inspectors?

13 A. Sharonmore I remember the inspectors coming in --

14 Q. Right.

15 A. -- sitting down with the children and having their tea  
16 with them. Even the big ones, the aftercare ones, would  
17 have come up to see the inspectors and talk to them.

18 Q. Yes, and can you remember was there anyone from the  
19 Department? It might have been a particular man or  
20 woman who would have associated with Macedon from the  
21 Department.

22 A. No.

23 Q. You don't remember one?

24 A. I can't remember one, no.

25 Q. If there was one, you don't remember who that was?

1 **A. I never seen anybody.**

2 Q. And the other contacts that the children had outside  
3 their key worker and you, you mention there were  
4 psychiatrists who worked with the children.

5 **A. They did. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. And that was in both Macedon and in Sharonmore?

7 **A. I don't know about Macedon. I can't remember that, but**  
8 **I can remember in Sharonmore, yes, if any child had been**  
9 **behaving badly or not eating or anything, we would have**  
10 **got a psychiatrist for them.**

11 Q. Now I want to turn then, BAR8, to -- I know it's  
12 something you found upsetting -- and that's the  
13 allegations that are made by HIA50. You remember HIA50?

14 **A. I do.**

15 Q. And I am not going to go through the detail. You  
16 explain about him in the statement -- both statements,  
17 in fact, which you provided, which the Panel have had  
18 the opportunity to consider. The Panel are aware of  
19 a positive experience that he describes certainly of his  
20 first stay in Barnardo's in -- which he talks about in  
21 [REDACTED]. The reference for that, Members of the  
22 Panel, is 7833, when he tells the police he would very  
23 much like to get back to Barnardo's and hoped to return  
24 as soon as possible. Then he did return for a short  
25 spell between [REDACTED] until [REDACTED].

1           Now the allegation that he makes, BAR8, if we can  
2           look, please, at 036, and it's paragraph 32, he claims  
3           that he was raped on I think at least two occasions by  
4           HIA516, who had lived in Barnardo's, but by ██████ was in  
5           Rathgael or --

6   **A. That's right.**

7   Q. -- beyond Rathgael --

8   **A. That's right.**

9   Q. -- although HIA101 was still living in Barnardo's until  
10   ██████ The allegation that HIA50 makes to the Inquiry he  
11   also made to Barnardo's in ██████████ -- sorry --  
12   March 2007. That is that he told you that he had been  
13   raped by HIA516 at the time, which he dates to be  
14   possibly in and around ██████████. Now before you answer  
15   that if I can just pause. I appreciate hindsight is  
16   very hard to remove completely, but nobody has made  
17   an allegation of rape to you until 1998/'99, when BAR29  
18   does.

19   **A. That's right.**

20   Q. So this would be -- you certainly have had the BAR46  
21   reference to BAR3 and you have had in HIA216  
22   claiming she was touched by BAR4 and/or lesser extent  
23   BAR2 --

24   **A. That's right.**

25   Q. -- but if HIA50's recollection is right, the very first

1 allegation of rape that you would have received would  
2 have been from him --

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. -- about what HIA516 he said had done to him.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. Now he then says in his Inquiry statement that he  
7 thinks -- he says:

8 "It is my understanding that [you] BAR8 reported the  
9 matter to a community police officer named Gerry Agnew  
10 based in Glengormley",

11 but he says he was never asked to make a statement.  
12 Now before I ask you to deal with this, in July of 2012  
13 I should draw to the Panel's attention that HIA50 was  
14 saying to the police that he had made a statement at the  
15 time in Glengormley.

16 CHAIRMAN: Had or hadn't?

17 MR AIKEN: Had in 19... -- he believes it was [REDACTED]. The  
18 reference to that is at 7332. So his recollection in  
19 2012 is different from what is said to the Inquiry, but  
20 what you say about this, BAR8, is that at no time did he  
21 ever tell you about being sexually abused in any way by  
22 anyone.

23 **A. No. He never ever came near me, and I can't understand,**  
24 **because HIA516 left -- left Sharonmore and was put in**  
25 **Rathgael, and after he left Rathgael, he went to live**

1 with [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and then later on  
2 [REDACTED], but at that time -- you know, Sharonmore is  
3 a big place, true, but I have been trying to think how  
4 HIA516 could get up to Sharonmore to see HIA50 or why  
5 was HIA50 down in Ballyduff seeing HIA516. I couldn't  
6 understand it. Still can't.

7 Q. I think there is -- the Chairman reminded me there is  
8 a reference in the police material to HIA516 coming up  
9 at one stage to Sharonmore and being asked to leave.

10 A. Leave. You see, staff wouldn't have wanted HIA516 near  
11 Sharonmore, because his behaviour -- it followed him  
12 what he was doing, you know, long before he left.

13 Q. He was involved in some very serious matters --

14 A. Uh-huh. He was.

15 Q. -- you were talking to me about.

16 A. He threw petrol round a boy and was throwing matches at  
17 him, you know, and he had to move.

18 Q. So there's two -- two different parts to that. One is  
19 you're talking about how likely it is HIA516 would have  
20 been at Sharonmore, but if we leave that aside, and the  
21 Panel will deal with that, but what I'm asking you is  
22 whether HIA50 at any stage -- you knew him and worked  
23 with him --

24 A. Right.

25 Q. -- whether he at any stage ever mentioned abuse of any

1 kind by anyone.

2 **A. HIA50 never mentioned abuse to anybody -- to me anyhow.**

3 **Never mentioned it.**

4 Q. I will just give the Panel the reference. You say that  
5 in paragraph 2 of your first statement, which is at  
6 1018, and you make the point again emphatically in  
7 paragraph 5 of your second statement at 2502.

8 Now one of the points that BAR13 makes on behalf of  
9 Barnardo's in her statement, which is at 080, in  
10 paragraph 24 is that there is no record on HIA50's file  
11 of any disclosure of this kind about being raped by  
12 HIA516.

13 Can I ask you -- we have had some discussion about  
14 the BAR2 not -- there not being a record of him touching  
15 HIA216's leg, as she claimed, but if HIA50 had made this  
16 type of allegation to you, how likely is it there  
17 wouldn't be a record of that?

18 **A. Well, there wouldn't be a record, because -- there would**  
19 **be a record, because if anybody had come and said they**  
20 **were raped in Sharonmore, I would have went straight to**  
21 **BAR36. She was the person who was putting procedures**  
22 **in, and I would have went to her and discussed it with**  
23 **her and we would have dealt with it. We wouldn't have**  
24 **just let it go. I would have went to [REDACTED].**

25 Q. You are clear you were not told that?

1 **A. Never happened, never. Never happened.**

2 Q. Then the second allegation that HIA50 makes against you,  
3 BAR8, is in paragraphs 33 and 34 of his statement. We  
4 can see that on the screen. If I can just summarise it  
5 this way: as a result of a disagreement between him and  
6 a particular girl called [REDACTED] --

7 **A. Right. BAR97** [REDACTED]

8 Q. **BAR97** [REDACTED]. Sorry, BAR8. Believe it or not, "**BAR97**  
9 **BAR97**" is what I have written on the page in front of  
10 me. So **BAR97** [REDACTED] and him have some sort of  
11 disagreement, and the result of that is that you in  
12 league with her or otherwise set up HIA50 to be the  
13 subject of some form of altercation with the UVF on the  
14 [REDACTED]. As part of that incident where he is  
15 being tackled by these people you turn round he explains  
16 in paragraph 34 and you slap him on the face. So he  
17 makes a number of complaints about this. One is that  
18 you set him up in some way to be accosted or frightened  
19 by the UVF --

20 **A. Right.**

21 Q. -- that during the process of that you turn round in the  
22 car and slap him in the face, and the third part of it  
23 is that you don't report the fact that you did any of  
24 these things to the authority -- to your project manager  
25 and beyond for having hit him and so on and so forth.

1           What you say -- I appreciate you are looking  
2           puzzled, BAR8 -- you have said to the Inquiry in  
3           paragraph 6 of your statement, if we just look at 1019,  
4           please -- in paragraph 5 to begin with you explain that  
5           you didn't -- HIA50 was someone who wanted to travel in  
6           the car.

7   **A. That's right.**

8   Q. You can remember that and -- but you have no  
9       recollection of any incident involving --

10 **A. Never.**

11 Q. -- paramilitaries on the [REDACTED] --

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. -- threatening HIA50 or anybody else, and in addition to  
14       that you say that you never turned round and hit HIA50  
15       whether in a car or at any other time.

16 **A. No. That's right.**

17 Q. But you go on to say you can remember one occasion,  
18       which wasn't on the [REDACTED] but was on the Doagh  
19       Road --

20 **A. That's right.**

21 Q. -- when HIA50 had his -- you were driving at the time  
22       and he had put his arms round your throat, and you make  
23       the point it was going to cause an accident.

24 **A. That's right.**

25 Q. You couldn't get him to stop what he was doing and so

1 you pull over the car and you put him out of the car.

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. You say you went on back to the unit. You regretted  
4 doing that, despite his behaviour, and told another  
5 member of staff to go and get him. However, this time  
6 -- by this time he had returned. So that's the one  
7 occasion that you can remember an incident in the car  
8 with HIA50 --

9 **A. Right.**

10 Q. -- but it had nothing to do with the paramilitaries, the  
11 [REDACTED], **BAR97** [REDACTED] or slapping him.

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. I will just draw to the Panel's attention that **BAR13** on  
14 behalf of Barnardo's has said there's -- there isn't  
15 a record on HIA50's file of any incident like this  
16 involving you --

17 **A. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. -- but what there is, and it's paragraph 26 of **BAR13**'s  
19 statement at 080, that Barnardo's did identify  
20 an incident involving **BAR97** [REDACTED] that could be  
21 interpreted as relating to what HIA50 was speaking of in  
22 that the record that's written up says that she  
23 threatened to have whoever the young person is, because  
24 that's the phrase that's used, "another young person",  
25 set upon by people from [REDACTED]. It may or may not

1 refer to HIA50, but that incident seems to have involved  
2 **BAR100**. We can just look at 098, please, you  
3 can see, Members of the Panel, the last paragraph that's  
4 on the screen at the moment:

5 "As I left the house, **BAR97** returned. She had  
6 created an issue with one of the other young people,  
7 threatening to have him set upon by people in the  
8 **██████████**."

9 Then if we scroll down to the last page, we can see  
10 that the person who was involved in this is **██████████**  
11 **BAR100**. You know **BAR100**

12 **A. I do know **BAR100**.**

13 Q. But this had nothing to do with you.

14 **A. Nothing to do with me at all.**

15 Q. You said to me earlier, **BAR8**, you were shocked by the  
16 allegations that were made by HIA50 about you.

17 **A. I was. Uh-huh.**

18 Q. **BAR8**, you will be very pleased to know I'm not going to  
19 ask you anything else other than whether there's  
20 anything you're aware of that you think might assist the  
21 Inquiry with its work. If there is, now is your time to  
22 say so, but that's the last thing I'm going to ask you,  
23 whether there's anything else you can think of.

24 **A. The only thing I can think of where HIA50 is concerned**  
25 **is one Thursday night I was on duty -- and HIA50 was**

1 a very emotional boy; he was very frightened of things  
2 -- and he told me he had this picture up the stairs in  
3 the window and there was -- his key worker was on with  
4 me and his key worker was dealing with it too. He said  
5 this boy had -- it was the time they had these pictures  
6 of boys and the tears were coming down at their eyes.  
7 He said the boy was crying real tears. I went up and  
8 this key worker went with me. We said, "No, that's not  
9 happening. That's only a picture", but HIA50 kept  
10 insisting and crying and yelling that this wasn't a  
11 picture, the boy had come to life, and he wanted to take  
12 the picture down.

13 So I took the picture down and I said, "I'll destroy  
14 it". He said, "Oh, no, you can't destroy that, because  
15 if you break that up, it will all come back together  
16 again and the boy will still be crying".

17  
18  
19 The key worker came back with  
20 him and that was the end of it, but HIA50 was satisfied  
21 then that the boy was killed and everything was okay,  
22 but that night before he left he was really hysterical  
23 about this picture. So I just thought to myself then  
24 that HIA50 was a very emotional boy, disturbed boy. He  
25 was very disturbed.

1 Q. I suppose is the point you are making people can believe  
2 things that are not necessarily true?

3 **A. That's right, and HIA50 did believe that that night.**

4 Q. And it perhaps is an illustration you were explaining to  
5 me earlier of the high level of difficulty that many of  
6 the Barnardo's children had.

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. That's one example of it.

9 **A. Well, in Macedon there was no sorts of procedures really**  
10 **set for the children, but when BAR36 came in, she**  
11 **instituted all these behaviour things, and she would**  
12 **have talked to the children, and the children didn't**  
13 **like it. You know, the children -- she would ask them**  
14 **things, why they were doing things and all the rest of**  
15 **it. She was very good with the children, but that**  
16 **happened at Sharonmore.**

17 Q. BAR8, I am not going to ask you anything more. If you  
18 stay where you are -- have a drink of water -- stay  
19 where you are for a few moments, the Panel Members may  
20 want to ask you something --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- given the level of your involvement. So just bear  
23 with us for a short while.

24 Questions from THE PANEL

25 CHAIRMAN: BAR8, can I just follow up that very last thing

1           you said about BAR36 bringing in procedures --

2   **A. Right.**

3   Q. -- because it's something you mentioned a few minutes  
4       ago when you were asked about making a record of what  
5       HIA50 says he told you, and you said that BAR36 was  
6       putting in procedures. What exactly was BAR36 doing  
7       that hadn't been done before?

8   **A. Well, in Barnardo's there was a great turnover of staff**  
9       **and people didn't know what each other was doing**  
10       **sometimes down in Macedon, and BAR36 came in to set**  
11       **these procedures up, what you would do if this happened,**  
12       **if that happened, different things happened, and if**  
13       **HIA50 had come and said anything about anybody, BAR36**  
14       **would have known about it. You would have told BAR36**  
15       **about it and she would have took it seriously and she**  
16       **would have talked to the child or talked to the boy or**  
17       **whatever.**

18   Q. Does that mean that she started a practice of having  
19       an individual log for each child --

20   **A. She did.**

21   Q. -- as it were?

22   **A. Everybody had a log.**

23   Q. So that whatever happened in relation to them -- maybe  
24       they fell and hurt themselves or they were in a fight  
25       with somebody else -- it would all be on the log, and

1 the social worker who then came in for the next shift or  
2 the next day --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- could see?

5 **A. Everybody had -- every child had a log, a log book.**

6 Q. Yes, and is that the sort of procedure she was bringing  
7 in?

8 **A. She started that off, yes.**

9 Q. And does that mean that there weren't log books like  
10 that before?

11 **A. Well, there may have been books and different things**  
12 **that they were writing down about, but this was**  
13 **instituted by BAR36, that she made sure everybody --**  
14 **every child had a log book and every child got listened**  
15 **to, and it was all wrote down what happened, and it was**  
16 **handed on to the staff for the next day and they would**  
17 **have read that.**

18 Q. Did I hear you correctly a few moments ago when you said  
19 the children didn't like that?

20 **A. They didn't like it very well. They didn't like what**  
21 **they were doing -- if somebody had come in with drink on**  
22 **them, they didn't like anybody reading the next day that**  
23 **they had drink on them that night, you know.**

24 Q. Yes, or perhaps sniffing glue, or something like that.

25 **A. That's right. They did do that.**

1 Q. Right. I see. Can I go back a little bit further in  
2 what you were saying about BAR3, if I can just find my  
3 note? Before I ask you about him, there was this trip  
4 to Dublin by BAR46 with BAR3. Isn't that right?

5 **A. That's right.**

6 Q. You have told us that it was discussed by the staff,  
7 that is the staff in Macedon, and also with the staff  
8 from the relevant Board.

9 **A. That's right.**

10 Q. And everybody agreed that it was appropriate that BAR46  
11 should go to Dublin with BAR3.

12 **A. That's right.**

13 Q. Then you said, "The [REDACTED] in Macedon agreed as  
14 well". Who was the [REDACTED] at that time?

15 **A. I think the [REDACTED] was BAR24 then. I can't be  
16 sure whether it was BAR23 [REDACTED] or BAR24. I am not  
17 sure.**

18 Q. Yes. BAR24 came back for a short time. Isn't that  
19 right?

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. He had been there before and then he came back again.

22 **A. It was BAR24. He was [REDACTED] there then.**

23 Q. Yes, and then if I could ask you about BAR3, you said he  
24 called himself a doctor.

25 **A. That's right.**

1 Q. You have told us the reference to a priest was, in fact,  
2 to him.

3 **A. That's right.**

4 Q. He had spent some time working [REDACTED] before he came  
5 to Macedon. Is that so?

6 **A. That's right. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. And we have heard that he would talk about his time  
8 there. Did he say something or did he claim to be some  
9 form of clergyman in the way that people in Northern  
10 Ireland would refer to a priest or was he talking about  
11 having been a [REDACTED] priest, if I can use that  
12 expression, [REDACTED]

13 **A. No. He would have referred to as a priest in Northern  
14 Ireland going out [REDACTED] look after children.**

15 Q. So he was asserting that he was theologically qualified  
16 in some way --

17 **A. That's right.**

18 Q. -- in some denomination?

19 **A. That's right.**

20 Q. Which denomination? Do you know?

21 **A. Catholic.**

22 Q. Catholic?

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. When he claimed to be or called himself a doctor, I take  
25 it you mean a medical doctor?

1 **A. That's right.**

2 Q. And you have referred to him treating staff and boys for  
3 headaches. Did you ever see him wearing some form of  
4 necklace with amulets on it?

5 **A. Yes. He wore a stethoscope.**

6 Q. A stethoscope?

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. And as far as you were concerned, did you believe that  
9 he was a real doctor or somebody who had perhaps some  
10 medical experience carrying on as if they were a doctor?

11 **A. I didn't know what to believe about BAR3. BAR3 appeared**  
12 **just one morning out of the blue and I wasn't even**  
13 **introduced to him. I came down. BAR3 was a person when**  
14 **you came down to take a meeting about a child, he would**  
15 **have said, "The staff's not well today. I told her to**  
16 **go home". He would have been there on his own maybe and**  
17 **wouldn't have had the meeting, but I didn't know what to**  
18 **believe about [REDACTED], because BAR3 said he was a doctor.**  
19 **If staff had a bad headache, then he would have given**  
20 **them powders, and they would have told me this.**

21 Q. I see.

22 **A. Now I never seen him ever giving powder to anybody, but**  
23 **I've been told about it.**

24 Q. Because he must have had some form of career change if  
25 he is working as a [REDACTED], having been a doctor.

1 **A. Well, he always carried a medical bag with him all full**  
2 **of things. He had a medical bag with him too, a**  
3 **doctor's bag.**

4 Q. Well, if I could go on to a different matter completely  
5 and this is going back to what you were being asked  
6 about what was said to you by HIA216, first of all. You  
7 said you asked her and you asked other people why they  
8 didn't tell you then what they were telling you now.  
9 Who were the other people apart from HIA216?

10 **A. Well, one was BAR29 and one was -- what do you call**  
11 **her -- BAR47 and one was HIA216, and they said they were**  
12 **afraid to tell, because they wouldn't be believed.**  
13 **Well, I did say to them, "Sure, I would have believed**  
14 **you. I would have went and done something about it if**  
15 **you had came and told me", but they were still afraid.**

16 Q. Well, did you feel at the time, that is the time they  
17 were talking about, not the time they were telling you  
18 these things, but years before, that you were closer to  
19 them because they were girls?

20 **A. Not really, no.**

21 Q. Did you ask either HIA101 or HIA516 why they didn't tell  
22 you the things that they said happened to them years  
23 before, because they were very close to you, weren't  
24 they?

25 **A. Yes. Well, HIA101 said he didn't want to say, because**

1           it was a boys' thing that you don't talk. He didn't  
2           want to talk about it, because he didn't want it known  
3           he was talking about anything that happened.

4    Q. Well, when you say talk about anything that happened,  
5           that might mean just he didn't want to be sneaking or  
6           grassing on somebody, or was it because he didn't want  
7           to talk about the type of thing that had happened?

8    A. I think it was the type of thing. I do know it was the  
9           type of thing he didn't want to talk about.

10   Q. And what about HIA516? Did he say why he didn't speak  
11           to you about these things?

12   A. No. I never -- I don't think I ever asked HIA516.  
13           Staff at Macedon and Sharonmore were trying to keep  
14           control of HIA516 and I don't think HIA516 would have  
15           told anybody anything. He never told me anything  
16           anyhow.

17           Could I just say that every one of the children at  
18           Macedon -- not Macedon -- Sharonmore had the opportunity  
19           to talk if they wanted to.

20   Q. Yes.

21   A. They had their key worker. They had quality time at  
22           night when they could come into the key worker on their  
23           own. That was quality time. BAR36 said to have quality  
24           time to talk. They could have talked about anything  
25           they wanted with their key worker.

1           **So it did come as a shock to me when I heard that**  
2           **HIA50 had said he had been raped at Macedon or**  
3           **Sharonmore. I couldn't understand it.**

4    Q. Can I then take you to what you were telling us about  
5           this occasion in 1998 or '99 I think it was when you  
6           were down at BAR29's house?

7    **A. Right.**

8    Q. I take it from that that you had still kept in contact  
9           with each other?

10   **A. I kept in contact with BAR29.**

11   Q. And BAR47 was there as well?

12   **A. Yes. She was BAR29's -- she was a friend of BAR29's.**

13   Q. Yes.

14   **A. They were pals together up at the homes.**

15   Q. And as I understood what you were telling us, the only  
16           person who was mentioned on that occasion as doing  
17           something wrong to either or both of them was BAR2.

18   **A. That's right.**

19   Q. Now when after that was it that they spoke to you about  
20           BAR1, because you said they were together when they told  
21           you about her. Had the police investigation started by  
22           the time they told you about BAR1?

23   **A. I think the police investigation had started.**

24   Q. Yes, and what did they say to you about BAR1?

25   **A. They said some of the things that BAR1 was doing with**

1           **them.**

2       Q.   I see, and were BAR29 and BAR47 close together in the  
3           sense that they would have been in each other's company  
4           a good deal over the years or what did you know about  
5           them?

6       **A.   They lived together at Macedon.**

7       Q.   No, but after that.  Sorry.  I should say after they  
8           left Macedon.

9       **A.   No.  They would have visited maybe the odd time, you**  
10           **know.  They would have visited, you know, because BAR47**  
11           **was I think left before BAR29.  She was, and BAR29 would**  
12           **have been in the other unit, and then when BAR29 left to**  
13           **go and live in [REDACTED], BAR47 would have visited**  
14           **her now and again, not very often, but they would have**  
15           **visited.**

16      Q.   They kept in touch anyway?

17      **A.   They kept in touch.  Uh-huh.**

18      Q.   Some people are better at keeping in touch than others.

19      **A.   That's right.**

20      Q.   So "not very often" might mean, you know, once every  
21           three or four years or it might mean every couple of  
22           months.  Have any idea how often they would have met?

23      **A.   I would reckon about every three or four months they'd**  
24           **get in touch.**

25      Q.   Yes.  Thank you.

1 MS DOHERTY: Thanks, BAR8. Can I just clarify one thing?

2 When you talk about BAR3 and the boy and his contact

3 with him, did BAR3 have much contact once he left

4 Barnardo's? Did he come back and visit and --

5 **A. BAR3 left -- BAR3 was there one morning and next morning**

6 **he was gone. Nobody seen him ever after that again.**

7 Q. So when you describe him as "the priest and the boy",

8 did that happen -- when did that happen?

9 **A. Well, I think there was a mistake made there, because it**

10 **was BAR3 I'm talking about, and he was a staff in**

11 **Macedon. He wasn't a visitor. He was a staff.**

12 Q. He wasn't a visitor. Okay. That's just what I wanted

13 to be clear about.

14 **A. He wasn't a visitor.**

15 Q. So it was when he was there and working there that a wee

16 boy said he wasn't comfortable going out with him?

17 **A. That's right.**

18 Q. Do you know if that was reported to anybody?

19 **A. That's what BAR46 had told me, that the time he went on**

20 **a trip with him to Dublin that he wasn't comfortable.**

21 **I never had heard about BAR3 raping him or anything.**

22 Q. Okay.

23 **A. He just told me he wasn't comfortable.**

24 Q. So that's the same incident. So that incident where

25 you're talking about the priest is the same incident as

1 the Dublin ...?

2 **A. That's right.**

3 Q. The Dublin ... okay. That's great. Can I just ask in  
4 terms of BAR3, you know the bit about him having access  
5 to the children's savings --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- how was that organised, BAR8, that he was able to do  
8 that?

9 **A. Well, the children got so much money for clothing and**  
10 **they got -- I think it was every so many months -- they**  
11 **got told how much they had and then it was divided by**  
12 **twelve to see what they would get every month, and if**  
13 **BAR3 knew, which he was quite -- quite used to doing it,**  
14 **he would have known when who was getting their money,**  
15 **and the big boys would have wanted to go out and buy**  
16 **boots and buy things themselves, and that's how BAR3**  
17 **knew.**

18 Then, you see, BAR1 was a staff at Macedon. She  
19 wasn't -- she was a staff member. She wasn't just  
20 an ordinary worker. She would have known also and she  
21 was very friendly with BAR3.

22 Q. So they would work out -- BAR 3 would work out who had  
23 money and then go and borrow the money from the child  
24 directly?

25 **A. Well, as the child was saying, "I have got my clothes**

1       **money this month", it is quite easy to find out how much**  
2       **money they would get and what they were going to buy**  
3       **with it and all the rest of it.**

4    Q.   And was that commonly known, BAR8, or was it a bit of  
5       a shock to find out that he was taking money like that?

6    A.   **It was a bit of a shock to me, because I lent £40 to him**  
7       **that he'd to give to one of the boys for their clothing.**

8    Q.   Right, and that was because he came to you and said,  
9       "I've taken the money from a boy. I have spent it.  
10      I don't have it".

11   A.   **The boy was with him and the boy said, "I wanted to go**  
12      **and get such and such". I forget now what it was he was**  
13      **going to buy. He said, "I was going to buy something**  
14      **and I can't do it, because BAR3 hasn't got the money to**  
15      **pay me". So BAR3 had said, "I will give you that on**  
16      **such and such a night or such and such a day". The wee**  
17      **boy said, "I want to go today to get the things" and**  
18      **I lent the £40 to him.**

19   Q.   The wee boy?

20   A.   **Uh-huh.**

21   Q.   Can I ask -- one of the things we saw earlier today was  
22      about HIA50 and it mentioned that he hadn't been at  
23      school for four weeks. There is a description of his  
24      behaviour that finally meant that he was transferred to  
25      St. Pat's, but in the record it refers to him not being

1 at school for four weeks. Would that have been normal,  
2 BAR8, you know, that children could decide not to go to  
3 school?

4 **A. Well, sometimes I would have taken the children to**  
5 **school. They came in one door and out the over. They**  
6 **wouldn't have stayed.**

7 Q. So they could have truanted --

8 **A. Uh-huh.**

9 Q. -- but would they have been allowed to have stayed in  
10 the home and not go in today?

11 **A. Well, you would have wanted to know why and you would**  
12 **have got somebody -- they didn't usually stay off for**  
13 **four weeks like that, you know. That's the first I have**  
14 **heard of that.**

15 Q. I know, but they might have sometimes stayed off that  
16 long?

17 **A. They would have stayed off. Uh-huh. I remember taking**  
18 **them -- coming in with the minibus taking the kids to**  
19 **school and leaving them at school and going in and**  
20 **talking to the headmaster and he said, "I'll go and get**  
21 **him" -- because one boy had said all he did at school**  
22 **was deliver the milk.**

23 Q. Uh-huh.

24 **A. So I went down to see about this and anyhow the**  
25 **headmaster was talking to me and he said, "I will go and**

1           **get him". He was away. He was in one door and out the**  
2           **other.**

3       Q. I know what that feels like. One other thing just about  
4       HIA50 is in relation to when he is in St. Pat's, he  
5       comes back to Sharonmore and seems to spend some time  
6       there. He's got a girlfriend there. Was that -- were  
7       you ever aware of that, of a kind of absconding and  
8       coming to stay?

9       **A. No.**

10      Q. No. That wasn't --

11      **A. I never knew that.**

12      Q. No. Okay. Just my last question is you know with BAR1  
13      ██████████" and the telling of ghost stories,  
14      I mean, we have heard from statements that that would  
15      often happen late at night and it would kind of wind the  
16      children up.

17      **A. Uh-huh.**

18      Q. Was there ever any discussion about that, about it, you  
19      know --

20      **A. There probably would have been, but the children would**  
21      **have asked her ██████████". I heard them**  
22      **coaxing her ██████████" with them.**

23      Q. Including when she was off duty, because she talked  
24      about them going up when she was off duty when she had  
25      her room upstairs?

1 **A. That was in Macedon.**

2 Q. Macedon. Uh-huh.

3 **A. That stopped when she went into Sharonmore.**

4 Q. Okay, but she would have -- but they would have had  
5 contact with her and --

6 **A. She would have lived with them in Macedon and she would  
7 have had contact with them at night-time.**

8 Q. When BAR36 came and started to look at new procedures  
9 and things, did she begin to look at that [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED] or about any -- trying that stop that?

11 **A. I don't know. I think it stopped when she went up to  
12 Macedon -- up to Sharonmore for quite a bit.**

13 Q. Sharonmore.

14 **A. Uh-huh. It stopped, because BAR1 was in another unit  
15 completely. There was two units at Sharonmore, the  
16 Macedon one -- not the Macedon one -- the Ravelston one  
17 and the Ballyduff one. So the children were divided and  
18 they weren't allowed -- they weren't allowed at  
19 night-time into the other units. So BAR1 would have  
20 been in her unit and the kids wouldn't have been near  
21 her. Only some of the ones like BAR29 and different  
22 people would have been in it, you know.**

23 Q. Okay. Thanks very much.

24 **A. They were much older at that time in that unit with  
25 BAR1.**

1 Q. So BAR1 -- so she wouldn't have been with the younger  
2 people in terms of the ghosts?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Okay. Thanks, BAR8.

5 MR LANE: Could you say a bit more about the aftercare side  
6 of your work? You know, did you arrange jobs for  
7 children and how often did you see them and that sort of  
8 thing?

9 A. Yes. In Sharonmore there was two -- there was two  
10 houses where the staff lived. Once staff left then we  
11 decided -- we talked about it and decided we could have  
12 bed-sits in it and have two boys or two girls moving in  
13 to learn how to budget their money, how to cook and do  
14 different things, and that was instituted at Sharonmore.  
15 We did that, and they were very good at doing it. The  
16 kids were lov... -- liked getting over, but they loved  
17 coming back to the unit and getting food. Sometimes  
18 they would have spent all their money in one go and then  
19 would have come back to the unit looking for food. We  
20 would have had to give them bread and potatoes and  
21 things like that so as not to pamper them. Sometimes --  
22 it worked okay, but anyhow when they left, I was  
23 responsible for trying to get them a home, and the  
24 Housing Executive was very good to us, gave us flats,  
25 very good. We got self grants for them and they got

1 work.

2 There was one family (inaudible) that lived out of  
3 Macedon -- out of Sharonmore and they lived in  
4 Rathcoole. They worked -- some of them are still  
5 working away in Rathcoole. They all got their jobs.  
6 Each child -- most of them got jobs that left in the  
7 aftercare. The girl **BAR97** that was spoken to,  
8 she is a [REDACTED]r now, and different people -- the  
9 other girl, **BAR47**, she's a [REDACTED] now. You  
10 know, they've all got pretty good jobs and they have all  
11 worked hard.

12 Q. And how often would you call in on them after they had  
13 left?

14 A. After they had left, well, I called in with different  
15 ones who were having problems, but most of the ones --  
16 some of the ones that have left still visit me and still  
17 talk to me, you know, about their problems.

18 Q. Right, and who were you actually accountable to within  
19 Barnardo's?

20 A. **BAR36.**

21 Q. Right. Okay. So when you actually went off and spoke  
22 to **BAR47** and **BAR29** about things, you were actually  
23 disobeying her instructions, were you?

24 A. **Uh-huh. Yes.**

25 Q. You mentioned staff turnover. Why was there a high

1 staff turnover there?

2 A. I don't -- I think the children down in Macedon were  
3 very badly behaved at times. They weren't so bad, but  
4 then all of a sudden they got very badly behaved, and  
5 the staff turnover was very, very high. You would have  
6 seen staff one day. Next day you wouldn't. I didn't  
7 know who they were. So how could the children know, and  
8 the staff turnover was very high.

9 Q. You mentioned that some of them were quite young, the  
10 staff, I think, didn't you?

11 A. Staff was quite young and then there was some of the  
12 older boys and girls that were leaving were nearly the  
13 same age of them and they didn't take any -- they didn't  
14 take any notice of the staff.

15 Q. Had they undertaken any training at all, these --

16 A. No, there was no training. I can't remember -- I tried  
17 to think. I can't remember anybody being trained as  
18 staff members in Macedon except two people who went away  
19 to be trained and that was BAR9 and **BAR75** and  
20 they came back in my time.

21 Q. Right.

22 A. The rest of the staff, nobody was trained. Some were  
23 bosses and they weren't trained, you know. The people  
24 who were over you weren't trained.

25 Q. You mentioned that the behaviour suddenly got worse.

1 **A. It got worse.**

2 Q. Was that with a change of [REDACTED] or anything  
3 like that?

4 **A. Well, I think it was the change that BAR36 was coming in**  
5 **and she was bringing in new procedures and things like**  
6 **that and she was talking to staff too. Now Macedon**  
7 **moved from -- Macedon was a big rambling house, an old**  
8 **Victorian house. It moved from there up into**  
9 **a residential area at Ballyduff. There was houses next**  
10 **door to us. The children didn't want it, but the staff**  
11 **didn't want it either. So it filtered down from the**  
12 **staff to the children. Nobody wanted it. Nobody wanted**  
13 **change, but BAR36 was in the middle of it trying to get**  
14 **change and trying to do things as best she could.**

15 Q. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN: Well, BAR8, you will be relieved to hear, I am  
17 sure, that those are the last questions we have for you  
18 today. I appreciate it's been a long day for you and  
19 thank you very much indeed for coming to tell us about  
20 your time in Macedon.

21 **A. Thank you.**

22 Q. Thank you.

23 (Witness withdrew)

24 MR AIKEN: Chairman, that concludes today's oral evidence.

25 CHAIRMAN: Usual time tomorrow, ladies and gentlemen.

1 (Inquiry adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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