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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 Tuesday, 15th December 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 170)

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

1 Tuesday, 15th December 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (11.40 am)

5 WITNESS HIA216 (called)

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. As always,  
7 can I remind you if you have a mobile phone, please  
8 ensure it is either switched off or placed on  
9 "Silent"/"Vibrate" and may I also remind you that no  
10 photography is permitted anywhere on the premises or  
11 within the Inquiry chamber.

12 Yes, Mr Aiken?

13 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.  
14 The first witness today is HIA216. I am going to call  
15 her HIA216. She is "HIA216". She is aware, Chairman,  
16 that you are going to ask her to take the oath.

17 WITNESS HIA216 (sworn)

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

19 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

20 MR AIKEN: HIA216, just bear with me for a moment.

21 Chairman, Members of the Panel, there are legal  
22 representatives for three individuals. You have their  
23 appearances previously. I'll just indicate Mr Boyd  
24 appears for BAR1.

25 MR BOYD: Good morning, Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel.

1 I appear for BAR1. I am instructed by Reavey & Company  
2 Solicitors.

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Boyd.

4 MR FOX: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, I appear on  
5 behalf of **BAR 30** from Finucane Toner Solicitors.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

7 MR BABINGTON: Mr Chairman, Members of the Panel, I appear  
8 for BAR12, instructed by CGM Cunningham Dickey.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Babington.

10 MR AIKEN: HIA216, while you and I are going to use names to  
11 help you give your evidence, everybody here understands  
12 that those names aren't to be used outside of the  
13 Inquiry room.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. And that's part of the Inquiry's anonymity policy that  
16 you and I were discussing. You want to keep your  
17 anonymity?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. So whenever your statement is published, all of the  
20 personal information will be blacked out so that it's  
21 not possible to read that.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Coming up on the screen, HIA216, should be the first  
24 page of your witness statement that you've made to the  
25 Inquiry. Can you just check that that matches the hard

1 copy that you have?

2 **A. Yes, it does.**

3 Q. And if we can move through then, please, to 016, and  
4 that should match the last page of your witness  
5 statement, HIA216.

6 **A. Yes, it does.**

7 Q. And you have signed it?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And you want to adopt it as your evidence to the  
10 Inquiry?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Now just bear with me for a moment, HIA216, so that  
13 I can give the Panel some other references in the  
14 electronic bundle to where material relating to you can  
15 be found.

16 In addition to HIA216's Inquiry statement, Members  
17 of the Panel, there are a number of police statements  
18 that HIA216 has made.

19 The first is of and that can be  
20 found at BAR-7614. For ease I am going to indicate that  
21 deals with BAR4.

22 The second police statement is of 22nd February  
23 2000. It is a much more lengthy statement. It runs  
24 from 7615 to 7622 and that is again about BAR4.

25 On 20th July of 2000 there is then a lengthy police

1 statement that runs from BAR-4413 to 4420, which is  
2 mainly about BAR2 and **BAR 30** .

3 There then is a police statement of 6th September of  
4 2000, which runs from BAR-4421 to 4430, and that's about  
5 BAR1, BAR2, BAR1 and BAR3, BAR1 and BAR3 and BAR2 and  
6 there is also a reference to in it.

7 Then the Inquiry has received a record of a meeting  
8 of 20th December 1999, which makes reference to BAR12.  
9 I will be speaking to HIA216 about that. That's at 6638  
10 to 6646 with the relevant reference at 6639 to 6640.

11 There then is a replying statement from Barnardo's  
12 that runs from 192 to 197, with exhibits from 198 to  
13 199.

14 Then a Health & Social Care Board replying  
15 statement, which runs from 490 to 492, with exhibits  
16 from 493 to 502.

17 There then are replying statements from three  
18 individuals against whom HIA216 has made allegations.  
19 The first is BAR1, which can be found at BAR-2530 to  
20 2533, BAR12 at 2526 to 2529 and **BAR 30** at 2534.

21 HIA216, all of that being said -- thank you for  
22 bearing with me -- you were in Barnardo's Macedon from  
23 when you were aged

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You were born on --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- making you now -- you were telling me off for asking  
3 a lady her age -- but now years of age. You were one  
4 of siblings.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. And you went into care as a baby and eventually moved to  
7 the Barnardo's home in Ballycastle --

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. -- before moving to Macedon at age .

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. You remained in Macedon until , when you  
12 were .

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Most of the abuse that you speak of you say happened  
15 whenever BAR2 came to Macedon. Do you remember telling  
16 the police that, that the abuse relating to BAR2, BAR1  
17 and BAR3 really happened after BAR2 came?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. He was there between , when you were --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and he left before you left --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- in -- he left shortly after you left in --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- when you were . So it's that period of you were

1 to . There's two earlier matters with BAR6 and BAR4

2 --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- that happened prior to that, but that -- the most  
5 serious allegations, aside from BAR4, that relate to  
6 BAR1, BAR2 and BAR3 relate to your period when you're  
7 through to ?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. The first matter that you speak of in your statement, if  
10 we look at paragraph 12, please, at 010, you talk about  
11 a member of staff called BAR6.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You were explaining to me that she was or  
14 worked in cottage .

15 **A. Yes. That's correct.**

16 Q. I was explaining to you that Barnardo's have said to the  
17 Inquiry that she worked in Barnardo's from  
18 , which was long before you came --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- until . You arrived in .

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You were still there when she left in . You were  
23 between and during that period.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. Can you remember, HIA216, were you in cottage the

1 entire time?

2 **A. Yes. I would say so.**

3 Q. And so your paths would have crossed for about  
4 years --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- that she would have been involved in looking after  
7 you?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And you explained to me that there were generally three  
10 members of staff in cottage ?

11 **A. Yes, there would have been.**

12 Q. And you explain to the Inquiry that she would have hit  
13 you regularly with a wooden spoon.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. And I was asking you, "Did she hit everybody with  
16 a wooden spoon?" and you said that she targeted the --  
17 those who didn't have families visiting.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. And I asked you who -- how many were there and you were  
20 saying you were really the only one that -- you had  
21 family, but they weren't involved in your life --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- whereas the other children had families who were  
24 involved in their lives.

25 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. So it really was you that she was hitting with the  
2 wooden spoon?

3 **A. Yes, any sort of single child that didn't have family**  
4 **members in the home.**

5 Q. I was asking you what the reasons were that led to her  
6 using the wooden spoon. You were saying she didn't just  
7 hit you for the sake of it. It was because of something  
8 that you had done.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. I asked you, "Was it one tap on the hand?" Can you tell  
11 the Panel what she did with the wooden spoon?

12 **A. She would have just hit you with it.**

13 Q. Was that on the bottom, or the hand, or the leg?

14 **A. The hand, or the leg, or the back of the leg or -- you**  
15 **know.**

16 Q. And I was asking you whether you were aware that -- did  
17 the other staff who worked with her know that she did  
18 this?

19 **A. No. I don't think so.**

20 Q. You didn't ever say anything to anyone about her doing  
21 it?

22 **A. No.**

23 Q. And the other matter that you describe in your statement  
24 is that she put your hand on an electric cooker --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and burned your hand.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. That was the palm of your hand.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You were explaining to me that this happened just once

6 --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- and that she had put butter on it afterwards.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. I was asking you -- do you want to just explain to the  
11 Panel? You said to me that she had asked you to see was  
12 the ring hot.

13 **A. Yes. She asked me to test the ring to see if it was  
14 warm and put my hand on it.**

15 Q. And that might have -- could have been thought of as  
16 just checking was the ring hot. Why do you think she  
17 did it to hurt you?

18 **A. Because if she had turned the cooker on, she would have  
19 knew. She was the adult. I was only a child then. So,  
20 you know, I wouldn't have knew anything about cookers or  
21 anything at that stage.**

22 Q. Right, and after this she treated the burn. Am I right  
23 in saying there's no mark?

24 **A. No, no.**

25 Q. Because what Barnardo's have said to the Inquiry is that

1 they can't find anything in your medical file that would  
2 have related to this incident. You were saying to me  
3 you didn't get any medical treatment about it?

4 **A. No, no. Just put butter on it.**

5 Q. And you didn't tell anyone about it?

6 **A. No. There was no sense.**

7 Q. And this lady is \_\_\_\_\_, HIA216, and the Panel are  
8 aware of a document from the opening that recorded the  
9 Barnardo's Inspector describing her as having a good  
10 relationship with the kids. I was asking you, "Did you  
11 have good times with her as well?" and you said you  
12 didn't.

13 **A. No, no.**

14 Q. I think there's one other person who has made reference  
15 to BAR6, but there was nothing on her file suggesting  
16 that she'd mistreated children in any way, but that was  
17 your experience of her?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The second person that I want to speak to you about then  
20 is BAR4.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. I know that he was a central focus for you.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. It appears that he worked in Barnardo's on a voluntary  
25 capacity, having left \_\_\_\_\_, for about four weeks in

1 the summer of .

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. The reference for that, Members of the Panel, is at  
4 20058. Now you were at that point in time.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You talk about this -- if we move through to  
7 paragraphs 17 to 20 in your statement, you explain about  
8 him and what he did to you. I am going to work through  
9 the chronology of this, but to assist, in 2000 a lady  
10 called BAR 28 --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. You remember her from Macedon?

13 **A. Yes. She was the .**

14 Q. She -- indeed. She would have done the and  
15 . On 3rd September of 2000,  
16 if we can bring up 7644, please, and look at the bottom  
17 of the page to begin with, she recalled to the police  
18 a particular incident, which I think you speak of in  
19 paragraph 20 of your statement, HIA216, but you maybe  
20 have got the personnel who were there mixed up, because  
21 you refer to BAR8 being there.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. She said to the Inquiry she definitely wasn't, but she  
24 says here at the very bottom, last three or four  
25 words:

1 "I recall an incident" -- and then if we scroll down  
2 on to the next page -- "which I believe was in the  
3 afternoon. I remember this incident very, very clearly.  
4 I was in the office with BAR23."

5 He was the at the time, BAR23,  
6 between and :

7 "He was concerned because the minibus was due back.  
8 I knew that BAR4 had taken the minibus out with HIA216.  
9 It was coming up to the time that the minibus was  
10 needed. BAR4 came into the office leaving the keys in  
11 and was chatting with BAR23 and I. I remember  
12 a purposeful knock at the door. The door was closed.  
13 HIA216 walked straight in. This was unlike HIA216. She  
14 didn't like coming into the office."

15 She would avoid eye contact.

16 "This incident was different. It seemed  
17 a purposeful visit. She had something on her mind. She  
18 said to BAR23 that she needed to speak to him. She  
19 looked sideways and saw BAR4 on one side of the office.  
20 She turned her head away. HIA216 reddened. BAR23 asked  
21 her, 'What is it?' and BAR4 added, 'What's the matter,  
22 HIA216?', or something similar. He interrupted BAR23  
23 when it was actually inappropriate for him to do so" --  
24 this is BAR 28's view of what took place -- "when HIA216  
25 had addressed BAR23, who was . HIA216

1           went very, very red. She wouldn't speak. I believe  
2           BAR4 got up and put arm on her -- put his hand on her  
3           shoulder and asked her again what the matter was and if  
4           she wasn't talking to him. She left the office  
5           hurriedly, saying, 'It doesn't matter'. BAR23 followed  
6           her out of the office. She appeared upset and  
7           uncomfortable. I asked BAR4 if was something wrong with  
8           HIA216. He shrugged his shoulders, raising his arms and  
9           said he had no idea, that she was fine earlier. BAR23  
10          returned to the office and BAR4 asked was she all right.  
11          BAR23 said that HIA216 wouldn't talk to him. He asked  
12          BAR4 about HIA216 being upset, how she had been during  
13          her outing and did he know why she was upset or what she  
14          wanted to talk about. BAR4 said no, that he had been in  
15          good form -- she'd been in good form all day and that he  
16          had no idea what was wrong. BAR23 was perplexed by the  
17          incident."

18                 So, HIA216, this is BAR 28 remembering an occasion  
19          whenever you came into the office, which would have to  
20          have been in the summer of           , when BAR4 was working  
21          there.

22          **A. Yes.**

23          Q. And you'd been out with him and you'd come back and you  
24          come in to tell BAR23 something and then you don't tell  
25          him --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- and leave. That was something that stuck in BAR 28's  
3 mind.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Then on 24th -- that's her recollection, looking back at  
6 .

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You are in Macedon until .

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Then you leave in , live in a flat in .

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Then BAR8, who was the , continued to  
13 visit you and have a relationship with you.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. She is someone you have stayed close to.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. She has provided on , if we can look,  
18 please, at 8459 -- the Panel have seen this document  
19 before, HIA216. So I'm just going to summarise it for  
20 you, but I am just showing it so that it jogs everyone's  
21 memory.

22 She called to visit you on a home visit.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Her file note records that she was asking you about  
25 information that you'd given to her in confidence some

1 time ago, and the information that she was referring to  
2 involved you and a member of Barnardo's staff in  
3 a series of incidents which you said had taken place in  
4 Macedon when you were a young child.

5 Now further down in the document it records you  
6 saying that it was this man BAR4, that you were or  
7 at the time, which would have been . So that  
8 wouldn't have been right dates-wise.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. But you are describing what happened. If we move on to  
11 the next page, please, we can see what you told BAR8 had  
12 happened -- leave aside the dates -- that:

13 "I didn't like him and was afraid of him. He would  
14 come into the sitting room of the cottage and sit very  
15 close beside me on the settee. He would take my hand  
16 and forcefully place it between his legs on his  
17 privates. This happened many times. How many I can't  
18 recall, but it occurred quite often, usually at bath  
19 time."

20 She asked you why you hadn't told any member of  
21 staff, HIA216, and she -- or a Board social worker or an  
22 older child, and she said that -- she has recorded that  
23 you told her you couldn't tell staff. You were afraid  
24 that you wouldn't be believed and maybe he would hear of  
25 it and you would be in trouble. You didn't have

1 a social worker long enough to be able to confide in.  
2 It changed every fortnight or so it seemed. Then  
3 further questions:

4 "HIA216 told me she couldn't be sure of his age."

5 If we scroll further on down, please.

6 Now the result of that is, HIA216, BAR8 went off to  
7 do some further research into it.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. The Panel are aware that she spoke to **BAR 28** who  
10 remembered BAR4 working there, and she provided a memo  
11 setting out her memory, that it was during BAR23's time.

12 Then BAR8 went back to see you on .

13 If we can look, please, at 8463, she explains, if we  
14 just scroll down -- again the Panel have seen this  
15 document, HIA216. So I am just going to explain that  
16 she was telling you that she thought you had got the  
17 dates wrong, that he worked there in the summer of ,  
18 and you would have been .

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Then she'd got further information about what he'd done  
21 after he hadn't continued to work in Macedon. He was  
22 from the area at the time. If we just scroll  
23 further down, please, you acknowledged the date issue  
24 and then you'd -- she -- BAR8 records, HIA216, that you  
25 said to her that since you last talked with her, you had

1 given some thought to that particular time in your life  
2 and BAR4's relationship with you, and you recounted  
3 other instances when BAR4 had made sexual advances  
4 towards you. According to you, HIA216, these took place  
5 outside of the Macedon, usually on the return journey  
6 from when you had been visiting home. She asked  
7 you some more about it, and she records that you told  
8 her that the visits to BAR4's home had been quite  
9 frequent. As far as you could recollect he had a wife  
10 and children, who were usually present.

11 "No sexual advances were made when she was at his  
12 home."

13 However, when visiting BAR4's home, you travelled  
14 the ordinary route there and then came back via the  
15 Road. She records, if we just scroll down:

16 "HIA216 recalled that during these journeys BAR4 had  
17 regularly forced her hand between his legs."

18 If we scroll down, please, she questioned you some  
19 more about that:

20 "... pressed the point with regard to her reaction  
21 to the unwelcome advances. Has she raised no  
22 objections, 'No', etc. HIA216 said that she'd  
23 threatened him with staff many times. However, HIA216  
24 told me, quite sadly, that they were only idle threats.  
25 She was afraid to confide in staff. She didn't want

1 a rebuff from them and afraid of being disbelieved."

2 You can see slightly further down, HIA216, she says  
3 that you told her he kept you off school on the pretext  
4 of illness when he was on duty. That enabled him to  
5 take you on home visits with him.

6 Now what you were telling BAR8 was that this man had  
7 touched you in two ways. He had touched you in the  
8 cottage --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and on the on the way back to Macedon.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And you were going in to tell BAR23 something at the  
13 time that he was there in .

14 But BAR8 in her police statement of -- I am going  
15 to -- I appreciate this gets confusing, HIA216, but I am  
16 going to park BAR4 just for a moment, because in 2001  
17 BAR8 told the police that at this time that we are  
18 talking about in you also mentioned to her about  
19 BAR2.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. She has told the police -- and the Panel have looked at  
22 this document already -- that you told her that he had  
23 put his hand -- run his hand along your leg in the  
24 minibus.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. And you told her to go and speak to BAR47 --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- that she could tell her more.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. We looked with BAR8 -- she talked to her boss and her  
6 boss's boss and was told to leave it. It was a matter  
7 for you to go to the police if you wanted to make  
8 allegations about individuals, and she ignored that and  
9 went and spoke to BAR47 --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- who said that BAR2 hadn't done anything on her.  
12 That's what she said in .

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. On -- this is a document that the Panel won't have seen.  
15 If we can look, please, at 17630, Barnardo's then  
16 reported what you had said to the police. This is on  
17 , a letter from BAR 79 , who was then  
18 , the in Barnardo's in  
19 Northern Ireland . He writes to explain what  
20 you had said about BAR4 to BAR8 --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- and that there was no alternative. That information  
23 had to be brought to the police. You recall BAR8 taking  
24 you to the police station to make your statement.

25 A. Yes, Police Station.

1 Q. The police statement is of . If we can  
2 look at that, please, at 7614. This -- I am not going  
3 to go through the detail of it, HIA216, but it records,  
4 fairly similar to what you said to BAR8, that there  
5 were -- it only refers to BAR4. It doesn't refer to  
6 BAR2.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. There were two forms of incident described, one in the  
9 cottage, where you said to the police that he put his  
10 hand -- put your hand down the front of his trousers  
11 inside his underwear, and then the second, the trip back  
12 from his home, when he touched you in the vagina area  
13 and in the breast area. You explained to the police  
14 that you told him to stop and he did, and at the time  
15 you explained to the police that you were . You  
16 explained to the police that you had told a friend of  
17 yours called **BAR 70** .

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. We were talking about the records. We could see you and  
20 BAR 70 went horseriding together --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- from Macedon. She made a statement to the police on  
23 -- if we just look at that, please, at  
24 7623 -- and she confirmed what you had told her:

25 "HIA216 told me that one of the staff, a man, had

1 indecently assaulted her, that this man had made her put  
2 her hand round his privates. I didn't know who the  
3 staff member was she was talking about. She didn't  
4 mention his name."

5 So that's what you -- that's what your friend says  
6 you told her had happened.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. Can I ask you two things about that, HIA216? Obviously  
9 we are going to come to the 2000 statement, when you  
10 make much more serious allegations about BAR4.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Why did you not feel able to tell BAR8, **BAR 70** or  
13 the police at the time you are telling them about him  
14 touching you the more serious allegations that he raped  
15 you on two occasions?

16 **A. Because I just felt ashamed.**

17 Q. And as far as BAR2 was concerned, the reference to him  
18 didn't make it into the documents at all, and it doesn't  
19 look like **BAR 70** was told about BAR2. Why did  
20 you not want to mention or have anything done about what  
21 you described, him touching your leg?

22 **A. Because it was even just getting that first part out**  
23 **about BAR4, you know, and -- I mean, even getting that**  
24 **part out about BAR4 was hard enough without anything**  
25 **else.**

1 Q. And there are documents the Panel are aware of where  
2 Barnardo's tried to assist the police finding BAR4 and  
3 ultimately it seems they do find him. There is a police  
4 investigation file. He is interviewed and ultimately in  
5 the DPP direct there was going to be no prosecution  
6 of him for the allegations that you made.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. There's another file note of BAR8 visiting you and BAR 70  
9 BAR 70 in which records that the reasons  
10 that you were given by the female police officer who was  
11 dealing with the case was the delay in reporting the  
12 matter and the time between --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- when it was said to have occurred.

15 **A. The time -- the time limit.**

16 Q. I think there's reference to there not being any  
17 corroboration for it. It was just your word against his  
18 --

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. -- to what had happened. Now I drew the Panel's  
21 attention to the fact that Barnardo's didn't let the  
22 matter rest and BAR13, as she then was, now BAR13, took  
23 the matter up, keen to ensure that BAR4 wasn't going to  
24 be any longer involved with children, and it seems that  
25 -- there are other matters the Panel is aware of in

1 relation to the sequence of events, but in -- it seems  
2 that in 2002 in -- sorry -- in 1992 in he  
3 was convicted of various sexual offences and his wife  
4 was convicted of some with boys the year before, but the  
5 matter really rested as far as you were concerned from  
6 '85 through to 1999 --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- when you became involved in the Macedon Inquiry, as  
9 I have called it.

10 **A. Yes. Correct.**

11 Q. You were still in contact with BAR8.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. You received one of the letters from Barnardo's about  
14 an investigation into Macedon.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. Then you made -- had various discussions with BAR13  
17 about the matters that then become part of your police  
18 statements in 2000.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. As far as BAR4 was concerned, HIA216, on 22nd February  
21 of 2000 you made a nine-page statement to the police.  
22 There you made -- in addition to the touching matters,  
23 you said that he had, in fact, sexually abused you in  
24 his own house --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- as well as in the cottage in Macedon and on the road.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And that he engaged in indecently assaulting you,  
4 touching you, and he did that in front of his own wife.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Then on the car journey back to Macedon you claimed that  
7 he had actually raped you --

8 A. Yes, on the Road.

9 Q. -- both vaginally and anally.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And those allegations then formed part of a wider police  
12 investigation with some other matters that the police  
13 were looking into, and he was interviewed by the police  
14 on 12th June of 2002. The interview, Members of the  
15 Panel, is in the bundle at 7663 to 7751. In the  
16 interview, HIA216, and you are aware from me discussing  
17 this with you and probably the discussions with the DPP  
18 previously, because your MP was involved in a meeting --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- where it was explained to you why the matter wasn't  
21 going to proceed, but he acknowledged at interview that  
22 he had interfered with his own daughter and he explained  
23 his involvement with another boy and his own sexual  
24 practices involving his wife and other people, but he  
25 remained adamant throughout that he certainly had never

1 touched you and never had raped you at any stage and  
2 that the allegations you were making about him were not  
3 true. That's what he said --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- to the police.

6 His wife was interviewed at the same time and she  
7 explained that the allegations you were making were, to  
8 put it in layman's terms, they were not his form. That  
9 wasn't his practice. The type of activity that he  
10 engaged in was not the type that you were describing.  
11 However, despite what they had to say, the police  
12 recommended that he be prosecuted and a series of -- the  
13 DPP then looked at the matter. I was asking you: you  
14 had a consultation with the DPP and counsel.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You remember going to the Bar library building or behind  
17 the Bar library building to do that.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. The result of that was that the DPP directed there  
20 wouldn't be any prosecution in respect of the  
21 allegations against BAR4.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Now is there anything else you want to say about BAR4 or  
24 have I covered the main features of it, HIA216?

25 **A. I would say you've covered maybe the main features of**

1           it, but on that occasion in the DPP office, as I'd said  
2           earlier, about the other person, I don't know who the  
3           wee fella was, but we were completely separated.

4   Q.   Yes. Well, BAR4 -- that's what I was saying --

5   A.   Yes. Uh-huh.

6   Q.   -- in his interview --

7   A.   Yes. Uh-huh.

8   Q.   -- he admitted the interaction with that --

9   A.   I don't know who.

10   Q.   -- that -- he would say he was not a boy at the time,  
11       but the -- but you remember him being spoken to as well  
12       as you at the time --

13   A.   Yes.

14   Q.   -- the DPP were looking at it?

15   A.   Yes.

16   Q.   Then I am going to turn to BAR1, BAR2 and BAR3.

17   A.   Yes.

18   Q.   I am going to look at them together, although I'm going  
19       to break it down in the way we discussed earlier,  
20       HIA216.

21   A.   Yes.

22   Q.   You said to police on 20th July of 2000 that the abuse  
23       really started when BAR2 came to Macedon. He came in  
24       September/October       in                       , working  
25       two nights a week,                               from January       .

1 So you were --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- at the time he first comes. It is while he is there  
4 then that you say he, BAR3 and BAR1 sexually abused you.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. I asked you why you didn't mention this until 2000 and  
7 you said to me you believe you told BAR8 about these  
8 three.

9 **A. Yes. I definitely told her about BAR2, to go and ask  
10 BAR47.**

11 Q. We covered him.

12 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

13 Q. You were explaining to me earlier that you believe you  
14 told her about BAR1 and BAR3.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. That was at the same time as you were talking to her  
17 about BAR4 and HIA216 -- sorry -- about BAR4 and BAR2?

18 **A. Yes, I think so.**

19 Q. Because she didn't recollect that, but you think you  
20 told her that?

21 **A. Yes. I can't be 100%.**

22 Q. You explain to the police that the abuse related to  
23 those three individuals, BAR1 and BAR2 and BAR3, which  
24 I am about to outline happened in the main house --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- not in the cottage.

2 A. **No, no.**

3 Q. I think we can date the cottage closing in April 1980.  
4 If that's right -- I will just get Barnardo's to check  
5 that for me, that I'm right about that -- if that's  
6 right, you would have been --

7 A. **Yes.**

8 Q. -- at the time that that is occurring. We will look at  
9 a couple of memos shortly from what was going on in your  
10 life according to the records --

11 A. **Yes.**

12 Q. -- in but you say the abuse continued from that  
13 point then until you moved into the flat --

14 A. **Yes.**

15 Q. -- in Barnardo's, which was to help you with independent  
16 living.

17 A. **Yes.**

18 Q. You ultimately left Barnardo's in .

19 A. **Yes.**

20 Q. So if my date sequence is right, the abuse that we're  
21 about to talk about will have happened in around about  
22 less than a period of a year --

23 A. **Yes.**

24 Q. -- when you were round about .

25 A. **Yes, but you could have still got into the flat. It was**

1           **still part of the big house.**

2       Q.   This -- these allegations are contained in the police  
3           statements in 2000 that I've referred to already,  
4           HIA216, two main statements, one of 20th July and one of  
5           6th September. I have taken them and I have broken the  
6           allegations down so that they make sense in a group to  
7           make it easier for you.

8       **A.   Yes.**

9       Q.   The first set of allegations I am going to deal with  
10          relate to BAR1 and BAR3.

11      **A.   Yes.**

12      Q.   If we look at paragraph 25 of your Inquiry statement,  
13          please, at 013, and if we just leave that on the screen,  
14          you talk about BAR1 also physically assaulting you,  
15          which I am not sure is something that's in the police  
16          statements, but you mention her physically assaulting  
17          you and intimidating you, but the main allegations you  
18          make are of a sexual nature, HIA216.

19      **A.   Yes.**

20      Q.   In paragraph 21 of the Inquiry statement you describe  
21          a fake medical taking place in an office in the main  
22          house --

23      **A.   Yes.**

24      Q.   -- in Macedon.

25      **A.   Yes.**

1 Q. You say that BAR3 undressed you and touched you all  
2 over.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And that that was done in front of BAR1, who watched it  
5 and got pleasure out of it.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. In your police statement of 6th September 2000 you  
8 describe him having you bare breasted and checking you  
9 over with his stethoscope --

10 **A. Yes, yes.**

11 Q. -- and giving you medicine.

12 **A. Yes. He had a doctor's bag.**

13 Q. He had a doctor's bag. There is another document that  
14 suggests you were saying that you had bronchitis or  
15 a sore throat.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. They were helping you with that, doing this to you.

18 **A. Yes. Correct.**

19 Q. The second episode that you describe involving both of  
20 them, if we just scroll up to paragraph 21, please, you  
21 describe being taken to BAR3 -- sorry -- to BAR1's  
22 house, and there you were -- you use the words "touched  
23 up" by BAR3 and by BAR1. You can see in the last part  
24 of paragraph 21:

25 "Another time BAR3 abused me in BAR1's house. He

1 didn't rape me. It was just touching. BAR1 was present  
2 during this and she would have touched me up as well."

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Is that -- that's right?

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Now in your police statement, HIA216, at BAR-4427 you  
7 describe this incident that they together took your  
8 clothes off and put their fingers in your vagina and  
9 then BAR3 had sexual intercourse with you while BAR1  
10 watched, and they then took you downstairs where you  
11 watched BAR1 and BAR3 having sex on the living room  
12 floor, and after they finished BAR1 went out and made  
13 you each a cup of tea.

14 **A. Yes. I remember she made a cup of tea.**

15 Q. Do you remember telling the police those matters that  
16 I have just mentioned?

17 **A. No, I can't be 100%.**

18 Q. If we just look at 4427, please, you are describing here  
19 being taken round her house and then in the attic room.  
20 One of them held you down, took whatever bottom clothing  
21 you were wearing off, continued to touch you. Daylight  
22 outside. You can see you describe BAR3 having  
23 intercourse with you while still in the room. You got  
24 dressed and then BAR3 and BAR1 had sex with each other  
25 on the floor of the living room. Are you saying you

1 don't remember it like that, HIA216?

2 **A. Well, when I see it here in black and white, yes, I do**  
3 **remember going up till that bedroom. It was the attic.**  
4 **It was -- it would have been downstairs and then like**  
5 **the top of the stairs and then the attic right at the**  
6 **very top.**

7 Q. So is the Inquiry statement -- the police account about  
8 him raping you and then you watching BAR1 and him having  
9 sex, that's -- you can remember that now?

10 **A. Yes, yes.**

11 Q. And the Inquiry statement that it was just touching  
12 isn't right?

13 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

14 Q. The third incident that involves BAR1 and BAR3 is, if we  
15 go to paragraph 26 of your witness statement, please, at  
16 014, you explain that they took you up Cavehill, BAR1  
17 and BAR3, and threatened to push you off.

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Was that the only thing that happened?

20 **A. Yes. They threatened to push me off the Cavehill.**

21 Q. Because I was saying to you that in the police  
22 statement, if we go back to 4429, and I think you said  
23 to me you don't remember this, that they had taken you  
24 up Cavehill and they grabbed you. BAR1 touched you all  
25 over your clothing. Then:

1 "We were high up looking down through the trees."

2 If we just scroll down:

3 "When she was touching me, she pulled down my ...  
4 she removed all of my clothing and made me lie down on  
5 my back on the grass. BAR1 was touching me all over and  
6 she inserted her fingers into my vagina. The male staff  
7 member didn't touch me. She told me to get up and get  
8 dressed. He was masturbating himself."

9 That's not how you describe it to the Inquiry.

10 **A. No, no, no.**

11 Q. Is what's in the police statement -- do you think -- do  
12 you remember that now or is that --

13 **A. No. I remember they tried to push me off the Cavehill  
14 and she gave me the and twisted.**

15 Q. So that's the only bit that happened --

16 **A. Yes, yes.**

17 Q. -- on Cavehill? Those are the three matters that relate  
18 to BAR1 and BAR3.

19 I am going to turn now, HIA216, to BAR1 and BAR3 and  
20 BAR2, all three of them together.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Okay? In paragraph 25 of your statement, if we go to  
23 014, please, you are describing in the last sentence  
24 the -- or the couple of sentences before the last the  
25 ghost stories that BAR1 would tell. You were explaining

1 to me, HIA216, that this would have started in the  
2 living room.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. She would have told the stories and done the  
5 and then --

6 **A. Hit the lights.**

7 Q. -- the lights would have went out and you would have  
8 went and hid.

9 **A. Everybody would have hid.**

10 Q. Everybody hid --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- and you hid wherever you could find to hide.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You explain that BAR3 and BAR2 were involved in this --

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. -- and would have fondled you.

17 **A. Yes, or anybody else they could have caught. I don't**  
18 **know.**

19 Q. Now in your police statement in September of 2000 you  
20 explain what BAR1 would do. Depending on what clothes  
21 you were wearing, she would put her fingers into your  
22 vagina.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. And in the police statement of 6th September 2000 you  
25 explain BAR2 would do the same. He would put his hand

1 into your underwear and put his finger into your vagina  
2 and touch your breasts under your bra.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And BAR3 would have on a couple of occasions just rubbed  
5 your vagina and your breasts outside your clothing.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Were there other staff around whenever these games were  
8 going on?

9 **A. No, not to my knowledge. It would have sort of been**  
10 **like a rota, so many members of staff, but it always**  
11 **seemed to be them three would have been working**  
12 **together, you know.**

13 Q. Well, in obviously you are .

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Would you have been the oldest one there when these  
16 games were going on and this was happening to you?

17 **A. No, I think there would have been ones maybe just**  
18 **leaving Barnardo's, you know.**

19 Q. And the next episode that involves all three of them,  
20 HIA216, is in paragraph 26 of your statement, if we just  
21 scroll down a little bit, please, you explain how BAR1  
22 would have tied you to a tree --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- outside cottage --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and would abuse you while BAR3 watched. She  
2 threatened to set fire to you.

3 "Once when she tied me to the tree, BAR2 abused me  
4 while BAR3 watched."

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. Now in your police statement of 6th September 2000 you  
7 explain it was BAR2 and BAR1 who sexually abused you and  
8 you could see BAR3 touching up BAR1 at the time. Is  
9 that how you remember it or is that --

10 **A. I am not 100%. I know it was just one or the other.**  
11 **I don't know whether it was BAR3 or BAR2.**

12 Q. And -- who was present or who was doing the abusing?

13 **A. Doing the abusing.**

14 Q. Right. Those are the matters that involve all three of  
15 them.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. I am now going to turn to the matters that relate to  
18 BAR1 and BAR2 together.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. In paragraph 26 -- it's the paragraph that's on the  
21 screen -- you say that BAR1 made you watch her and BAR2  
22 having sex.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Now I said to you earlier, HIA216, that appears to be  
25 a new allegation made to the Inquiry, because I can't

1 find it anywhere in the police statements.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Are you right about that, that she made you watch her  
4 and BAR2 having sex?

5 **A. Yes. It would have been her and BAR2, yes.**

6 Q. Where was that at?

7 **A. It would have been down towards Hazelbank.**

8 Q. Was this outside?

9 **A. Yes, it was outside. That wasn't in the house, the main**  
10 **house. It was outside. It was in the grounds of**  
11 **Barnardo's.**

12 Q. Right, and she made you watch the two of them?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Now I've dealt with three groups of matters there, all  
15 of which included BAR1, and, as I said to you, BAR1 was  
16 interviewed by police --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- about the allegations that were in the police  
19 statements, and she denied she had sexually assaulted  
20 you at any time.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. She's also made a statement to the Inquiry, where in  
23 paragraphs 8 through to 15, which is at 2531 to 2532,  
24 Members of the Panel, she explains that she didn't do  
25 any of those things that you are describing to her.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You say that she did.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Then the last set of matters I want to deal with then  
5 relate to BAR2 on his own.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. In paragraph 22, if we scroll up, please, and again we  
8 are focusing on that period in the main house, which is  
9 April through to when you're leaving --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and you describe in paragraph 22, 013, that he  
12 watched you changing through the spyhole between the  
13 staff bedroom and the bedroom that you had.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. I mentioned to you that in the police statement in  
16 July 2000 you mention the spyhole, but it doesn't appear  
17 that you were saying it was BAR2. Why do you remember  
18 it being BAR2?

19 **A. Because he would have been the one that would have  
20 stayed in the staff bedroom. BAR1's would have been  
21 further up Monks Walk. Well, That's what we called it,  
22 Monks Walk.**

23 Q. If we just look at 4419, please, so I am being fair to  
24 you, HIA216, that I show you what it says:

25 "I was able to look through this hole into the staff

1 bedroom. There were times that I looked through the  
2 hole when I heard someone in the staff bedroom and saw  
3 someone's eye looking towards me. I put paper and other  
4 things up."

5 So you don't say to the police a particular  
6 individual that you thought this was.

7 **A. No, no.**

8 Q. But you're saying to the Inquiry you think it was BAR2.

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. In paragraph 8, if we go back, please, to 01... -- sorry  
11 -- paragraph 22 at 013, you explain that BAR2 would have  
12 kissed and fondled you in the minibus.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Now in your police statement of July 2000, HIA216, you  
15 say that it was more than that, that he built up to him  
16 having you masturbate him.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Then it increased to him having sexual intercourse with  
19 you no more than five times --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- in the minibus.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. So you're saying that he raped you up to five times in  
24 the minibus.

25 **A. Well, between the minibus and his flat.**

1 Q. I am going to come to his flat --

2 **A. Oh, sorry. Sorry.**

3 Q. -- because it is another part of it, but that's what you  
4 remember happening in the minibus.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. If we just look at 4415, please, you describe in some  
7 detail his activity on the front seat of the minibus.

8 If we just scroll down a little bit, please, and we can  
9 see you say:

10 "I think he had intercourse with me in the minibus  
11 not more than five times, all of which were on the front  
12 seat."

13 If we go back to the Inquiry statement, please, at  
14 013, you explain in paragraph 22, HIA216, that there  
15 were three rapes:

16 "The abuse escalated to him raping me in my bedroom  
17 in the big house in Macedon on about three occasions."

18 I was saying to you earlier that the police  
19 statement explains he would have come in and touched you  
20 in the bedroom, but it doesn't make any mention of rape.

21 **A. No.**

22 Q. And you think that it was just touching. It wasn't --  
23 he didn't rape you in the main house.

24 **A. No. It was like -- it was sexual abuse to me. It  
25 was -- it would have been classed as rape, you know,**



1 Q. Right, and then in paragraph 22 of the Inquiry  
2 statement, if we go back to 013, please, you explain  
3 that there was another rape that took place in the  
4 holiday house near Ballycastle --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- which I think was called Ballylough. You associate  
7 that with an event involving BAR29.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. The Inquiry statement says that he was -- he, as in  
10 BAR2, was the only staff member on the holiday, but you  
11 are saying to me that's not right.

12 **A. No, no.**

13 Q. There was definitely more members of staff.

14 **A. There would have been more.**

15 Q. I was asking you earlier about this incident and you --  
16 I was explaining to you in the police statement that  
17 it -- of July of 2000 it talks about this happening  
18 during the day in your bedroom on a bunk bed. You  
19 didn't remember -- you don't remember the bunk bed  
20 incident.

21 **A. No, no, but I remember BAR2 with BAR29.**

22 Q. You remember seeing him with BAR29?

23 **A. Grabbing BAR29.**

24 Q. Grabbing her?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. This was outside, in the entrance way outside the main  
2 building?

3 **A. Actually I think it was actually in the main building.**  
4 **I'm not 100%, but it was definitely on that holiday.**

5 Q. Right. It wasn't -- you're not talking about seeing him  
6 --

7 **A. No, no.**

8 Q. -- being sexually involved with BAR29?

9 **A. No, no, no.**

10 Q. And we'll come back to that just at the end, HIA216. In  
11 paragraph 23 of your statement then you say to the  
12 Inquiry that BAR2 would also -- those are the matters  
13 relating to BAR2, HIA216.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that or  
16 have I covered the main parts of it?

17 **A. No. I think you've -- I think you've covered the main**  
18 **...**

19 Q. In paragraph 23 then you talk about **BAR 30**, who was  
20 of BAR47, HIA516 and HIA101.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. You explain that BAR2 would have taken you to **BAR 30**  
23 **BAR 30** house, left you there and then went off to pick  
24 up BAR47 and --

25 **A. HIA101 and HIA516.**

1 Q. -- HIA101 and HIA516, and that while you were in BAR 30  
2 BAR 30 house then, BAR 30 would have touched you up.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now in the police statement you explain it was all  
5 three. It is just a reference I think to BAR47 here.  
6 I was asking you why would BAR2 take you in the minibus  
7 to collect BAR47, HIA101 and HIA516, but leave you at  
8 BAR 30 house?

9 A. Because -- because he would have went to pick up BAR47,  
10 HIA101 and HIA516 at their granny's house.

11 Q. And --

12 A. I don't think that BAR 30 was actually allowed to be  
13 left alone with the kids. I don't know the history of  
14 that.

15 Q. And, what, would he bring the three of them then back to  
16 you at BAR 30 house?

17 A. Back to BAR 30 house and pick me up.

18 Q. And did the kids go into the house or was it just  
19 picking you up?

20 A. No, it was just picking me up.

21 Q. And BAR 30 has said to the Inquiry, as I was  
22 explaining to you -- he denies that he -- I think he  
23 denies you were ever in his house.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And BAR47 in police material doesn't recall you ever

1 being in his house.

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. But you say that's what happened.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Then the last individual that I want to mention to you,

6 HIA216, is BAR12, the -- you said to me --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- BAR12.

9 **A. BAR12.**

10 Q. I was asking you did you remember making allegations

11 against him to Barnardo's staff in 1999 and you said to

12 me you did remember.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. Do you want to just tell the Panel what you say he did?

15 **A. It was -- he was basically -- he was more into the wee**

16 **boys, you know, into the boys. It was just, you know**

17 **...**

18 Q. What did he do to you?

19 **A. He just sort of touched you and then that was it. He --**

20 Q. In which part?

21 **A. Just outside your clothes, you know.**

22 Q. In your breast and vagina area --

23 **A. Yes, yes --**

24 Q. -- or --

25 **A. -- and then moved on to boys.**

1 Q. Where did this happen?

2 A. It would -- it must have been in the main house, because  
3 I did have a photograph.

4 Q. A photograph of?

5 A. Well, I think -- I think it was BAR12 that was in it.  
6 I'm not 100% sure.

7 Q. Is this just a photograph taken in Barnardo's?

8 A. Yes. Uh-huh. There was I think it was six  
9 and one member of staff and I think BAR12 was in that  
10 photograph.

11 Q. I think they had a party for the kids in Barnardo's in  
12 .

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. Was it that party this is taken at?

15 A. Aye. Yes, it would have been.

16 Q. But you say he -- now I was asking you, because these  
17 allegations then aren't made to the police.

18 A. No, no.

19 Q. They haven't been found in a Barnardo's document, and  
20 BAR12 was asked to deal with these allegations, and he  
21 says he didn't -- he doesn't know you and didn't touch  
22 you at any stage. Never sexually abused you.

23 A. No.

24 Q. That's what he says.

25 Then I want to turn then -- HIA216, you can remember

1 being involved in the Macedon trial --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- in 2004 and you remember Mr Creaney and you remember  
4 giving evidence for two days.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You thought that the Chairman might have been in the  
7 same building as a judge at the time you were telling me  
8 earlier.

9 **A. No. I thought -- it was in the High Court.**

10 Q. In the High Court, and you were explaining to me that  
11 you remember BAR37.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. I was explaining to you that he gave evidence to the  
14 Court of Appeal after BAR1 and BAR2 had been convicted.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. I am going to summarise it right down, HIA216, because  
17 essentially, as you know, what he said -- and just if we  
18 can put on the screen, please, 15160 -- he wrote  
19 a letter to -- I called her **BAR 89** . You corrected me.

20 **A. It's BAR 89**

21 Q. **BAR 89**

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. That he and other ex-residents had basically got  
24 together and lied about BAR1 sexually abusing them. He  
25 said in the letter that, "Yes, he didn't like her. She

1 did frighten him. She did do She did  
2 want -- he did want revenge on her for frightening him,  
3 but that it definitely was lies that she had sexually  
4 abused anybody. In the letter he referred to how him  
5 and others had made these allegations that were untrue.

6 I was asking you and you rhymed off the names before  
7 I suggested them to you, but he was asked before the  
8 Court of Appeal about this letter and who he was  
9 speaking about, and if we just scroll down a little bit,  
10 please, we will see that amongst other names that he  
11 claimed were lying in court about BAR1 and in the letter  
12 said he wouldn't be surprised if BAR2 was innocent as  
13 well was amongst other people you.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. That you with others had made these things up, that they  
16 were untrue.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You say they are true. Isn't that right? You didn't  
19 make them up?

20 **A. No, no, no.**

21 Q. And his suggestion that you were involved with others in  
22 a conspiracy to make false allegations was untrue?

23 **A. Yes. That's untrue.**

24 Q. Is there anything else you want to say about that or  
25 does that cover the main part of it?



1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. You had accepted that. Can you remember what incident  
3 that you'd referred to as rape that you agreed with him  
4 wasn't rape?

5 **A. I actually think it was a bedroom one.**

6 Q. Which?

7 **A. In the big house.**

8 Q. In the main house?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And he also made the point to the Court of Appeal, which  
11 you were then able to discuss with me, that it was  
12 established that you weren't on the Ballylough holiday  
13 where you and BAR29 claim to have been both raped by  
14 BAR2. You were saying to me you remembered them showing  
15 you the log --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- of your attendance --

18 **A. Yes, the log book.**

19 Q. -- showing that you were in Macedon at the time.

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You said to me that that was forged by --

22 **A. BAR1 was . So, I mean, she could have**  
23 **had you in Macedon. She could have had you anywhere,**  
24 **you know.**

25 Q. So you are saying she falsified the records?

1 **A. Well, I can't be 100%, but I would be 99.9% she must**  
2 **have.**

3 Q. And what I want to do, HIA216, is just -- because at  
4 this point in time that we are talking about, all of  
5 these events, the records that were maintained -- if we  
6 look at 17672, I was discussing with you were you  
7 working at the time. This is a record which at its end  
8 at 17674 is dated . It is written by BAR1 and  
9 it is described as a "Pre-review report". It's part of  
10 the six-monthly reviews that they seem to have. Do you  
11 remember taking part in the reviews where you would meet  
12 staff and discuss how you were getting on?

13 **A. No, no, no.**

14 Q. You don't. It looks like from April of you had been  
15 employed in the at as  
16 .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. You worked there for about eight or nine months until  
19 . Then you were made redundant, and  
20 then she describes you being paid to do some work around  
21 Macedon.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Do you remember that?

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. One of the -- if we scroll further on down, please, one

1 of the matters that is talked about is that you had had  
2 a boy... -- you have a boyfriend at the time. If we  
3 just scroll down to the bottom -- yes, just there -- you  
4 can see this is a guy , .

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You and he had been going out together for about two  
7 years prior to this time, which is .

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. So from you were around -- that would be around about  
10 years of age.

11 **A. .**

12 Q.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. And you said to me that you continued to be involved  
15 with him after you left Macedon for a number of months  
16 after you moved into the flat in .

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. For instance, there was discussion here you and I were  
19 speaking about on the next page you going off to  
20 Blackpool with the on holiday.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Then the next review from , which would  
23 have been after that July holiday in that BAR29  
24 claims she was raped at and you are saying the same  
25 involving you, is at 17670. 17670, please. Again this

1 document is dated on its second page at  
2 17671. This time you are working -- you were reminding  
3 me you did the at .

4 **A. Yes,**

5 Q. It records you as having been doing that for six months.  
6 You were explaining to me you wouldn't have worked over  
7 the summer.

8 **A. No, no.**

9 Q. Because there was no ...

10 **A.**

11 Q. On the second page, if we go  
12 down, please, you had been continuing to visit  
13 family every week, if we just move down a little  
14 further, please, and he was coming home at Christmas on  
15 leave from , and there was various references to  
16 BAR8 going -- you were thinking about a career in the  
17

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. Just one more matter you raised with me, HIA216. You  
20 mentioned to me how you came to get involved in the  
21 Inquiry.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Do you want to tell the Panel how you say that came  
24 about?

25 **A. Well, that was -- it would have been about two years**



1 thinking about those three areas. Some people do; some  
2 people don't. Is there anything you want to say about  
3 that to help the Panel's thinking?

4 **A. It's -- no. It's really up to the Panel. It's their**  
5 **own decision.**

6 Q. Right. The last question I ask each witness is whether  
7 there's anything else about the home that we're looking  
8 at -- so in your case it's Barnardo's Macedon -- that  
9 maybe I haven't covered accurately, or I've made  
10 a mistake about, or I've haven't described it properly  
11 or I've haven't described it in enough detail. Is there  
12 anything else that you want to add about Barnardo's  
13 Macedon that I haven't dealt with?

14 **A. No, no. I actually think you've covered everything.**

15 Q. Well, HIA216, you will be pleased to know I'm not going  
16 to ask you any more questions. If you just remain where  
17 you are for a short time, the Panel Members may want to  
18 ask you something.

19 **A. Right.**

20 **Questions from THE PANEL**

21 CHAIRMAN: HIA216, can I just ask you, first of all, about  
22 what happened on this visit to Ballylough?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Now that's somewhere up the country, Ballymoney  
25 direction. Is that right?

1 **A. I think so, yes. Ballycastle I think.**

2 Q. North Antrim anyway?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Mr Aiken asked you about a reference you had made to  
5 something happening in the holiday home and you said you  
6 didn't remember a bunk bed.

7 **A. No, no. No, I don't remember the bunk beds.**

8 Q. No. What I want to ask you about Ballylough is, because  
9 I am not clear in my own mind what it is you are saying  
10 about that, are you saying that you were raped in  
11 Ballylough?

12 **A. No, no, no.**

13 Q. You're not?

14 **A. No, no. BAR29 was.**

15 Q. BAR29 was?

16 **A. Yes, not myself.**

17 Q. Did anything sexual happen to you when you were there?

18 **A. No, no.**

19 Q. Nothing sexual at all?

20 **A. No, no.**

21 Q. You have said on several occasions when you were asked  
22 something that you weren't 100% about it and that you  
23 didn't remember some things now that you told the  
24 police.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. Do you have problems with your memory of any sort --

2 **A. No.**

3 Q. -- that you are aware of?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. When you say you are not 99% sure, does that mean you  
6 are quite sure, but not totally sure, if you know what  
7 I mean; in other words, you think you are pretty sure  
8 something happened, but you can't be absolutely  
9 positive?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. I see. Thank you very much.

12 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, HIA216. Can I just ask: when  
13 you talk about BAR6 hitting you with the wooden spoon --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- did any other staff hit you, you know?

16 **A. With a wooden spoon or anything?**

17 Q. Yes.

18 **A. No, no.**

19 Q. So it was just BAR6 ever did that?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. You weren't aware of the wooden spoon being used -- did  
22 she use it on other children?

23 **A. I don't know.**

24 Q. You don't know?

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. You just remember --

2 A. I remember when we went to primary school,  
3 Primary, and we all hid our clothes, she did hit us all  
4 with the wooden spoon, because, you know ...

5 Q. What had you done? Why did she hit you then?

6 A. Because we didn't go to school.

7 Q. And she found that out? So she hit --

8 A. Yes. She found all our clothes. It was a primary  
9 school.

10 Q. Okay, and she hit all of you?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Can I ask: was it a usual thing to go to members of  
13 staff's homes?

14 A. Yes. Uh-huh. Yes.

15 Q. And how did that happen? How would it be arranged?

16 A. Well, it would have been sort of whoever was in charge,  
17 you know.

18 Q. So whoever was around -- could you ask to go or were you  
19 picked to go or ...?

20 A. No. It was sort of basically people would have went  
21 away for the weekend and staff members would have just  
22 took you, you know, till their homes.

23 Q. Okay, and they would be off duty? It wouldn't be that  
24 they were --

25 A. No, they were actually on duty, you know.

1 Q. So they were on duty, but they would leave the home and  
2 take you to their homes.

3 **A. Yes -- yes, because there would have been other members  
4 of staff there.**

5 Q. Left behind?

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. Would you tend to go by yourself or would you go --  
8 a couple of you go or ...?

9 **A. A couple of us would have went.**

10 Q. So usually you would be with another child; you wouldn't  
11 be by yourself?

12 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

13 Q. But with BAR4 you were by yourself?

14 **A. No, no. With BAR4 the first occasion it was BAR26 and  
15 BAR27.**

16 Q. Right, but the other occasions?

17 **A. After they got fostered it was just myself.**

18 Q. Okay. So -- and that was the way it happened?

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can I just -- the final thing is you know that  
21 description of the incident that HIA216, the ,  
22 describes?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. Do you remember that?

25 **A. Vaguely. I actually thought BAR8 was in the office, but**

1 obviously she wasn't.

2 Q. But do you remember the incident?

3 A. I remember actually running out and hiding and I don't  
4 think anybody could find me.

5 Q. And do you -- and why did you run out?

6 A. Because he'd put his arm round me to ask me, "Go ahead  
7 and tell them what you want to tell them" and that was  
8 it.

9 Q. Okay. Okay. Thanks very much, HIA216.

10 MR LANE: You describe the food as "stinking". Was it like  
11 that all the while you were there? Was it always awful  
12 or was that just one or two things?

13 A. What, the food?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. Well, sometimes it was stinking.

16 Q. What sort of things are you put off by? What sort --

17 A. Well, I can't eat -- I can't eat steak, because BAR6  
18 used to make us sit at the table to eat steak, you know,  
19 the likes of steak. I used to sit and try and chew it  
20 and chew it and chew it and I couldn't chew it. So  
21 I built it up like a wee hamster and then went to the  
22 toilet and spat it down the toilet.

23 Q. Were you expected to eat everything up?

24 A. Yes. Uh-huh.

25 Q. And if you didn't eat everything, what happened?

1 **A. Well, you basically did just eat it.**

2 Q. You did? All right.

3 **A. You didn't have much choice.**

4 Q. The other thing I wanted to ask you is about this  
5 spyhole.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. Did all the bedrooms have spyholes in them?

8 **A. No, no, no. It was just that one did.**

9 Q. Just that one?

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. Was it in the door or was it in the wall?

12 **A. No, it was actually in the wall.**

13 Q. Between your room and the staff room?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

16 CHAIRMAN: Well, HIA216, those are all the questions we want  
17 to ask you. Thank you very much for coming to speak to  
18 us today. Thank you.

19 **A. Okay. Thank you.**

20 **(Witness withdrew)**

21 CHAIRMAN: Not before 2 o'clock.

22 (1.05 pm)

23 (Lunch break)

24 (2.45 pm)

25

1 WITNESS BAR7 (called)

2 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

3 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good afternoon.

4 The next witness today is BAR7, who is "BAR7". BAR7 is  
5 aware, Chairman, that you are going to ask her to take  
6 the oath.

7 WITNESS BAR7 (sworn)

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please sit down.

9 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

10 MR AIKEN: You got ahead of the Chairman there, BAR7.

11 **A. Sorry.**

12 Q. You said to me you were nervous.

13 BAR7, we also talked about the statement at the  
14 moment isn't redacted, but the Inquiry's anonymity  
15 policy, and you'd prefer to keep your anonymity?

16 **A. Yes, please.**

17 Q. And on the screen is the first page of your Inquiry  
18 statement at 2500.

19 **A. Uh-huh.**

20 Q. Can you just check that that is the first page of your  
21 statement?

22 **A. It is, yes.**

23 Q. And if we move through to the second page, please, at  
24 2501, you will hopefully confirm for me that that's also  
25 your statement?

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. And that you have signed it?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And you want to adopt it as your evidence to the  
5 Inquiry?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. BAR7, you were asked to deal with a specific allegation  
8 made by HIA101.

9 **A. That's right.**

10 Q. I will come to that later on.

11 **A. Okay.**

12 Q. But as a result of you having to deal with this you  
13 kindly helped me with a number of other matters --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- that arise out of your time working --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- in Macedon in particular and Sharonmore. I am going  
18 to cover those with you first --

19 **A. Okay.**

20 Q. -- because it is likely that that material will be of  
21 assistance to the Panel --

22 **A. Okay.**

23 Q. -- with the issues that the Panel are considering.

24 By way of background, you were born on

25 ?

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

2 Q. And are now ?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You have been involved in social work up until your  
5 retirement in 2014?

6 **A. Yes. That's right. 2015 maybe.**

7 Q. 2015?

8 **A. 2014. Oh, I can't remember. 2015 -- '14 or '15, yes.**

9 Q. You did the childcare certificate in Rupert Stanley --

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

11 Q. -- in --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- when you were ,

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. You worked in the Children's Home.

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

17 Q. You were saying to me really it was a

18 it as opposed to any

19 **A. Yes, yes.**

20 Q. Then you took up your role in Barnardo's on

21 --

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

23 Q. -- at which stage you were years old, and you took on

24 the post -- the name changed over time I think --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- but the role as in cottage .

2 **A. Cottage , yes.**

3 Q. And you carried on that role for a number of years in  
4 Macedon. You were promoted to be

5

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- at a certain point. You are not quite sure of the  
8 date --

9 **A. No, no.**

10 Q. -- of that.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And I helped you to recollect that for a short period of  
13 time you were also the

14 **A. Yes, yes.**

15 Q. -- after BAR24 -- BAR23 retired.

16 **A. Left.**

17 Q. And then there were I think a number of other people who  
18 also for a period until BAR36

19 arrived --

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

21 Q. -- in .

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. Sorry. . In then Macedon closes and you  
24 all move to Sharonmore.

25 **A. Yes. We probably moved out a bit earlier, because we**

1           **moved to Ballysillan Road, which was the satellite unit**  
2           **of the Sharonmore project.**

3    Q.    Yes.  There were two satellite units --

4    **A.  Yes.**

5    Q.    -- for Sharonmore.  Ballysillan was one of them --

6    **A.  Yes.**

7    Q.

8    **A.  Yes.**

9    Q.    You continued to work effectively in the Sharonmore  
10        project --

11   **A.  Yes.**

12   Q.    -- until                    when as it closed --

13   **A.  Yes.**

14   Q.    -- you were made redundant --

15   **A.  That's right.**

16   Q.    -- and then you moved into different work --

17   **A.  That's right, yes.**

18   Q.    -- social work thereafter.  What I want to do -- and  
19        I appreciate this is difficult at this remove -- but  
20        I want to take you back to that period when you begin as

21

22   **A.  Uh-huh.**

23   Q.    -- and especially up to your leaving Macedon in and  
24        around at some stage early        --

25   **A.  Yes.**

1 Q. -- or around about that period. So that seven-year  
2 window.

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. What I'd like to ask you, first of all, you've come in  
5 as the this unit or the  
6 cottage. There were ten kids approximately --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- in it.

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q.

11 **A.**

12 Q.

13 **A. Yes, yes.**

14 Q. And then other part-time staff.

15 **A. Yes, yes.**

16 Q. Ant arrangement with the full-time staff is you would  
17 have lived in.

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

19 Q. Did all three of you live in at that stage?

20 **A. Yes, yes. All three would have lived in, except for  
21 their days off, when they would have gone home.**

22 Q. Yes. So the position in the cottage, for instance, or  
23 cottage , where you were, is you would always have had  
24 two members of staff sleeping over of an evening, or was  
25 there occasions when it was just one of you would be

1 staying?

2 **A. My memory is that there would have usually been two,**  
3 **yes.**

4 Q. And then it's at a later period of time when a more  
5 rota-based system comes in of shift work.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. So this initial period is you would have done days  
8 basically living there, living overnight --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and then had particular days off.

11 **A. Yes, or you might have had part of a day off. You might**  
12 **have had the afternoon part of a day off or the evening**  
13 **part of a day off. It would have been shifts as well,**  
14 **but you resided there.**

15 Q. Yes. We were discussing the sort of structure that was  
16 in place. There were -- if I can take the  
17 superintendent, that person, whoever it was, would have  
18 visited your unit morning and evening.

19 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

20 Q. And there would also have been regular staff meetings of  
21 all of the staff.

22 **A. Yes, there would have been, yes.**

23 Q. They would have happened you thought probably at least  
24 once a month.

25 **A. Probably. I'm not quite sure, but I would think about**

1           **once a month, yes.**

2    Q.    Can you remember were there the smaller team meetings of  
3           the sort of team leaders of the three units, the main  
4           house and the two cottages, with the superintendent as  
5           well at that stage?

6    A.    **I can't -- I can't remember if that happened at that  
7           stage. I know it did later, but I don't know if it did  
8           at that stage.**

9    Q.    You don't know if it happened in Macedon?

10   A.    **No, I'm not sure.**

11   Q.    And the -- that's the sort of structure within Macedon.  
12           What I want to also ask you about, though, is the head  
13           office people.

14   A.    **Uh-huh.**

15   Q.    You've got -- I am not sure if the title then was  
16           Divisional Children's Officer or Divisional Director --

17   A.    **Uh-huh.**

18   Q.    -- as it became.

19   A.    **Yes.**

20   Q.    And you had the Assistant Divisional Director. Then you  
21           also had the residential -- sorry -- the senior  
22           residential officer --

23   A.    **Yes.**

24   Q.

25

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. What role did the Divisional Director, the Deputy  
3 Director and the senior residential officer have in your  
4 life the cottages?

5 **A. Yes. I guess most of the contact would have been with**  
6 **the officer in charge. There was -- I think there would**  
7 **have been monthly visits done by the SRO, when menu**  
8 **books and punishment books and sanction books and menus**  
9 **and so on would have been looked into.**

10 Q. And it's that I want to pick up with you. Your  
11 recollection is that in Macedon the senior residential  
12 officer or the Deputy Director, which one of them was it  
13 would have come to check the books?

14 **A. I think in those days it was the senior residential**  
15 **officer. Later on it would have been the Assistant**  
16 **Director.**

17 Q. So your recollection is that during your time in the  
18 cottage in Macedon the senior residential officer, which  
19 would have been

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- for most of your period --

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. -- would have been coming in around about once a month  
24 --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- to check the books.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And there was no formal record for you to complete about  
4 that, a report to your boss, as it were, the officer in  
5 charge, the superintendent?

6 **A. Yes. Not that I remember. I don't think so.**

7 Q. In terms of the record-keeping that was kept in relation  
8 to the children at that time -- I was saying to you  
9 obviously we have looked at various service user files,  
10 as they are known --

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. -- in respect of various children in Macedon in that  
13 period. It doesn't appear that there is what you might  
14 call a daily log in the sense of:

15 "Joseph Aiken.

16 10.00 am. Slept in.

17 12.45. Went off to school.

18 2 o'clock. Stamped on somebody.

19 6 o'clock. Cut head" --

20 **A. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. -- that type of daily diary, as it were. Was that not  
22 a feature of life in that time in Macedon?

23 **A. I don't think it was, and because you were resident, you  
24 were -- you were you always available. It wasn't like  
25 you were going off shift and you'd taken all the**

1 information about the previous shift with you. You  
2 might have been in your bedroom or in a staff room and  
3 somebody could have spoken to you about what had gone  
4 on. So I don't think there was as much recorded in  
5 those days.

6 Q. Is that because, just picking up on what you've just  
7 said, the nature of communication was much easier --

8 **A. Easier, yes.**

9 Q. -- to convey in that you are all there --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- and one of the three of you will always have been  
12 there --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- as it were. So there's not the same handover type?

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. And is that handover process something that more came in  
17 when the movement to that shift pattern that is more  
18 known about --

19 **A. Yes, I think it is, yes.**

20 Q. -- away from that living in type model?

21 **A. Yes, yes.**

22 Q. Obviously from the records it is clear there were  
23 incident reports. We are going to look at one or two of  
24 them --

25 **A. Uh-huh.**

1 Q. -- involving yourself. So there obviously was in place  
2 at the time a mechanism where you had to do --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- writing up of any serious incident --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- that happened.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. And am I right in saying also it looks from the records  
9 like there were six-monthly reviews taking place into  
10 the lives of the children?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. How they were getting on?

13 **A. Yes, there would have been.**

14 Q. And you had in addition the engagement of the

15

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

17 Q. -- who was certainly from onwards BAR8 coming in to  
18 work individually with children.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Can you remember was there medical involvement as well  
21 in terms of psychiatrists or doctors during that period  
22 or was that something that more came --

23 **A. I think that's probably something that came in later.**

24 Q. The --

25 **A. I think -- can I go back to that? I think there might**

1           **have been -- do you know we might have had visits from**  
2           **Barkingside, someone who would have been on the medical**  
3           **side.**

4    Q.   That's the London HQ, as it were, of Barnardo's?

5    A.   **Yes, yes. Yes, because I can remember -- they would**  
6           **have been involved in the food that the children had to**  
7           **eat and would have sent menus over and so on. So**  
8           **I think there would have been some involvement from head**  
9           **office, yes.**

10   Q.   That's in Macedon you're thinking of?

11   A.   **Yes, yes.**

12   Q.   If you picture yourself in the cottage --

13   A.   **Yes.**

14   Q.   -- it's in that area that the engagement is taking  
15           place.

16   A.   **Yes, and there would have -- there would also have been**  
17           **a matron employed at that time in Macedon, who would**  
18           **have looked after all the medical records and provided**  
19           **menus and so on for the young people.**

20   Q.   What role -- we have identified what the senior  
21           residential officer did. Can you remember much  
22           interaction with the Divisional Director in the life of  
23           Macedon, as it were, or was their role removed? It was  
24           only in an emergency type scenario?

25   A.   **It was probably a bit more removed, yes, but the senior**

1           **residential officer would have reported to the**  
2           **Divisional Director.**

3    Q.   And is that -- if you think back, you knew           .   Were  
4           you seeing him pretty regularly in the place?

5    **A.   Yes, I think we were, yes.**

6    Q.   And was that beyond the monthly checking that you'd  
7           completed the records properly?   Would you have seen him  
8           around the place more often than that, or was it more it  
9           was that more formal occasion?

10   **A.   It was probably that more formal occasion.   I'm not**  
11           **quite sure.**

12   Q.   I'm going to look at a few particular events.   I am  
13           going to take you first to           and April           .   You  
14           appear to have been given the role -- sorry --

15           it began -- the role of

16                           for a period of time --

17   **A.   Yes.**

18   Q.   -- after BAR23 retired.

19   **A.   Right.**

20   Q.   You had probably been                           for a period of time.

21   **A.   Yes, I would have been, yes.**

22   Q.   Can I -- before we look at the particular event in           ,  
23           as the                           , what can you remember

24           about the role                           was expected to play in the

25           various units that there were?

1    **A.**    You certainly would have been responsible for doing what  
2            the                                    would have done if he had been off  
3            duty.  So you would have done your daily rounds.  You  
4            would have checked up everything was okay.  You would  
5            have been available for anybody who needed to talk or  
6            any administration that needed to be done.

7    Q.    And then as the                                    -- and I know you  
8            have looked at these documents and the Panel have looked  
9            at the documents during the openings.  I am just going  
10           to put it on the screen to ground --

11   **A.**    Okay.

12   Q.    -- so everybody can be aware of what we are talking  
13           about.  If we look at 143, please, this is a memo of  
14           yours.  It covers two dates.  It covers 6th February to  
15           9th February, that sequence of events.  Then there is  
16           another document that breaks in, which covers events  
17           that happen until 21st and then back to this one for  
18           22nd, but if I can sum it up in this way.

19            You learned that HIA101 had been struck by three  
20            different members of staff --

21   **A.**    That's right.

22   Q.    -- for stealing --

23   **A.**    Yes.

24   Q.    -- in effect, and you were not happy --

25   **A.**    That's right.

1 Q. -- happy about that.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Can I ask you: the Barnardo's policy about striking  
4 children with wooden spoons or anything else, hand or  
5 otherwise, you said to me that that was a no-no. That  
6 was not part of life.

7 **A. No, that would not have -- that would not have been**  
8 **policy, no. Physical punishment would not have been**  
9 **allowed.**

10 Q. So this event that comes to your attention that you are  
11 managing through is from what you are saying an unusual  
12 event --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- in the life of Macedon for you.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. The hitting of children to secure their acquiescence was  
17 not a normal part --

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. -- of your life.

20 **A. No, it wasn't.**

21 Q. And this record seems to involve you speaking to HIA101  
22 to try and understand from him what's happening. You  
23 speak to BAR1, BAR35 and **BAR 76**. That's BAR1, BAR35,  
24 who was the cottage --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- and **BAR 76** . You reported the fact HIA101  
2 had stolen a large sum of money to the police and you  
3 reported the matter up to BAR24 --

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. -- and BAR14.

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. You required the three ladies to sign the punishment  
8 book --

9 **A. That's right.**

10 Q. -- which we can see if we look at 148, please. I think  
11 from -- the implication of the record is that at least  
12 two of them may have been -- may have suffered from some  
13 theft that is being attributed to HIA101 --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- but all three of them had struck him. He had also  
16 told his granny then at home about what had happened.  
17 The granny had then wanted an engagement with BAR14.

18 **A. Right.**

19 Q. BAR14 has recorded in a four-page memo that runs from  
20 132 to 136 his engagement and how the matter was to be  
21 handled and the advice that was given, and he required  
22 a meeting to take place between BAR24 and the three  
23 ladies as well as meeting with the grandmother. He  
24 records the outcome of that meeting on 21st February and  
25 that can be found at 144 and 145.

1           Then if we go back, BAR7, to your memo at 143, we  
2           will see the outworking -- if you just scroll down to  
3           the bottom of the page, please, you can see you were  
4           engaged with the police, who carried out  
5           an investigation to see what the position was. It looks  
6           like the police identified -- I think HIA101 admitted he  
7           had taken BAR1's money and they were pretty satisfied  
8           about who he had given it to, but there was no means of  
9           proving that and that was the end of the money. I think  
10          there was a reference in the documents to BAR1 shouldn't  
11          have kept money of that level --

12       **A. Yes.**

13       Q. -- in the place and therefore tough for her.

14       **A. Uh-huh.**

15       Q. But was that a very unusual thing in the life of Macedon  
16          in terms of your involvement --

17       **A. Yes, it would have been.**

18       Q. -- to have to deal with that type of incident?

19       **A. Yes, it would have been, yes.**

20       Q. Am I right in saying the behaviour from the children  
21          would have been challenging?

22       **A. Yes, at times, yes.**

23       Q. And I think, minimising it, there are in your personnel  
24          file various records of you being assaulted --

25       **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- by individuals and sometimes -- certainly the record,  
2 which is not completed by you, completed by others --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- implies fairly serious incidents --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- that would take place. That was just seen as part of  
7 the job?

8 **A. Well, you were working -- I mean, you were working with**  
9 **very damaged young people, who often hit out, because**  
10 **they were angry at different things or hurt about**  
11 **things. So, yes, you often got behaviour like that.**

12 Q. But the reaction of staff or the -- you were not aware  
13 of staff members routinely hitting --

14 **A. Oh, no.**

15 Q. -- or taking it or bullying children or -- those types  
16 of problems were not something you witnessed?

17 **A. No, they weren't.**

18 Q. And in fairness to you I drew to your attention today,  
19 and you very kindly dealt with the material today, some  
20 documents that were in your personnel file.

21 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. If we can look at 15672, please, this is an incident  
23 report involving a boy called **BAR 109** .

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. You were saying to me that you thought whenever

1 I mentioned the name I was going to talk about something  
2 else.

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

4 Q. You don't have a memory of this incident itself.

5 **A. No, I don't, no.**

6 Q. What I was saying to you was it -- to summarise it, so  
7 we are not pouring through the detail of it, it looks  
8 like you were less than happy with how your interaction  
9 --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- with this boy on this occasion had turned out.

12 **A. Yes, I was.**

13 Q. If we scroll down on to the second page, you effectively  
14 self reported yourself --

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

16 Q. -- to BAR36 and to the senior social worker in the  
17 Eastern Board --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- for -- as to how it had been handled by you.

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

21 Q. BAR36 then, if we move on to 15671 -- we are going  
22 backwards I am afraid -- she gets involved. It seems  
23 you phoned the next morning at 8.00 am. You were in  
24 distress. You asked her to call with you. She spoke to  
25 you twice over 22nd and 25th. She also spoke to BAR 109

1           **BAR 109**    You were distressed about **BAR 109** behaviour  
2            that's set out in the documents --

3    **A. Yes.**

4    Q.    -- but then also your own reaction to it on that  
5            occasion.

6    **A. Yes.**

7    Q.    You were clearly indicating you were aware you shouldn't  
8            have behaved in the way that you did.    You had worked  
9            hard to pick it up, as it were --

10   **A. Yes.**

11   Q.    -- with **BAR 109**.    It looks like there was a member of  
12            staff, **BAR 70** -- was it **BAR 70** or another child leaving?

13   **A. That was BAR 109 brother -- BAR 109 sister -- sorry --**  
14            **BAR 109            sister.**

15   Q.    **BAR 109** sister, and that was causing angst, as it were?

16   **A. Yes, yes.**

17   Q.    And the -- you were telling me -- we will look at the  
18            end of this in a moment, **BAR 7** -- you were explaining to  
19            me what you thought you were going to talk about was you  
20            could remember an incident with this boy and a dog.

21   **A. Yes, yes.**

22   Q.    That he was very much alone and you'd bought him a dog.

23   **A. That's right, yes.**

24   Q.    And he'd let the dog out of the -- do you want to just  
25            explain what happened?    He let the dog out of the car.

- 1     **A.** He brought the dog into the car. He had been in  
2           particularly bad form and we had been out shopping and  
3           we arrived back. We had just begun to talk when we got  
4           back to the unit. So we sat outside in the car talking  
5           and he opened the door and let the dog in, and when  
6           BAR 109 got upset, he tended to take it out on the dog.  
7           So he was nipping the dog and the dog was yelping and  
8           I went, "Stop that", and he got angry and slammed the  
9           car door and broke the window in the car door.
- 10    **Q.** So you gesture there you hit him on the side of the leg.
- 11    **A.** On the side of the leg, yes.
- 12    **Q.** He was angry at that, got out and slammed the door --
- 13    **A.** That's right, yes.
- 14    **Q.** -- and the glass broke.
- 15    **A.** Yes.
- 16    **Q.** That's what you remembered.
- 17    **A.** Yes, yes.
- 18    **Q.** Because you were saying to me that what you also  
19           remember about that incident was that after it your  
20           interaction with him was able to move on considerably.
- 21    **A.** Yes. He actually came back -- he took off then and he  
22           actually came back and spent a long time with me, and  
23           I just felt that he had -- had moved on so much in what  
24           he was able to talk about.
- 25    **Q.** Obviously those are two incidents that stick in your

1 mind --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- of you physically reacting in a way that I think you  
4 were saying to me wasn't typical of you.

5 **A. Yes, yes.**

6 Q. Does that -- I know we were trying to minimise it  
7 earlier -- does that demonstrate the -- you were not  
8 doing an easy job?

9 **A. No. It was a very difficult job, a very, very difficult**  
10 **job.**

11 Q. And that at times then that -- you look back on things  
12 and you were less than happy about how they had panned  
13 out.

14 **A. Yes, yes.**

15 Q. Obviously, BAR7, as you know, there was a major  
16 investigation into Macedon --

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. -- '99/2000, leading to the trial in 2004.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You were one of 37 staff who were spoken to at that  
21 time.

22 **A. Yes.**

23 Q. And your witness statement from the time is at 4528  
24 through to 4532 and it is of 26th October of 2000. You  
25 give your recollection about various things.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. We were speaking about this earlier. I want to leave  
3 the statement for a moment and just ask you as you  
4 reflect back -- and we were talking about the difficulty  
5 of hindsight --

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. -- but the one person that you did have  
8 an uncomfortableness about during your time working in  
9 Macedon was BAR3.

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

11 Q. It wasn't in the context of him abusing children --

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. -- because that was not something that you were aware  
14 of.

15 **A. Uh-huh.**

16 Q. But it was his way of manipulating and the control that  
17 he seemed to have.

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

19 Q. Do you want to just explain to the Panel what it was  
20 about him that made you feel like that?

21 **A. At that -- yes. At that time I think the**  
22 **was going on and BAR1 was engaged to one of the**  
23 **. So she wasn't in great shape, and**  
24 **he would have -- he would have said he worked in the**  
25 **and he suggested he had medical training.**

1       So he had a stethoscope and people used to go to him for  
2       medication and so on and so forth. He did suggest once  
3       that he would remove stitches from a child's cut lip or  
4       cut hand -- I can't remember what it was -- and  
5       I wouldn't allow him to do it.

6               There was a number of lies he told about me, which  
7       I was unhappy about. We also discovered he would  
8       have -- he would have made all sorts of sort of  
9       ridiculous suggestions, that he came from titled people  
10       and had plenty of money, but he was at the same time  
11       coming to me to borrow money to pay for his rent on  
12       a Housing Executive flat. So there was a number of  
13       things that just all didn't add up.

14    Q. This is the issue with hindsight. As you look back now,  
15       there is a whole series of peculiar things that you are  
16       describing.

17    A. Yes, that's right.

18    Q. One might ask the question: why on earth didn't that be  
19       rather obvious to everyone?

20    A. Yes.

21    Q. "Hold on a minute. Why is this guy here? Who is he?"

22    A. Yes.

23    Q. "Why is someone with a stethoscope being a

24               " --

25    A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- "in a children's home?" Can you try and explain? At  
2 the time it didn't seem so out of the ordinary. Why was  
3 that?

4 **A. Well, it wasn't that it didn't seem out of the ordinary.**  
5 **Nobody else had ever been like BAR3, and we didn't know**  
6 **if maybe he had been involved in some form of medical**  
7 **training. We weren't sure, but he certainly wasn't in**  
8 **the unit to be the medic, and I was unhappy about that.**

9 Q. Now you mentioned that he -- he didn't work in your --

10 **A. No, he didn't.**

11 Q. -- particular unit.

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. But as your time as \_\_\_\_\_ then --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- you had dealings with him, which I will come to in  
16 a moment, but you mentioned to me that he had told lies  
17 about you.

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

19 Q. The origin of that may have been you were explaining to  
20 me that he wanted to take a group of kids on a holiday  
21 --

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

23 Q. -- and you wouldn't let him do that.

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

25 Q. Can you just explain to the Panel why you wouldn't?

1    **A. Yes.** Before any child -- any group of children go on  
2    a holiday, the driver of the minibus had to produce  
3    their driving licence and I had to complete a form that  
4    that had been -- I had seen that, and he had not  
5    produced his driving licence. So I would not allow him  
6    to go on holiday. Unfortunately he went to see BAR14  
7    and I don't know what the discussion was up there, but  
8    he came back saying he was allowed to go, and  
9    I confirmed this with BAR14, and he was allowed to go on  
10   the holiday and drive the minibus.

11   **Q.** So your feeling is there was resentment about that --

12   **A. Yes.**

13   **Q.** -- because at some -- was it at some later stage after  
14   this altercation, or this disagreement, or unhappiness  
15   that you were informed you were the subject of  
16   an allegation?

17   **A. From BAR3?**

18   **Q.** From BAR3.

19   **A. Yes, yes.**

20   **Q.** Do you want to just explain to the Panel what you  
21   remember happening?

22   **A. Yes.** I can remember asking somebody -- the relationship  
23   mustn't have been quite good between BAR3 and myself,  
24   and I knew he was an incredibly powerful guy and did  
25   manipulate people. He -- so I asked somebody what was

1           **wrong and they said that BAR3 was receiving anonymous**  
2           **phone calls and he felt that I was making these**  
3           **anonymous phone calls.**

4    Q.    These were of a sexual nature.

5    **A.    Yes.**

6    Q.    It was BAR9 was telling you this.

7    **A.    Yes, yes.**

8    Q.    You rather emphatically, as you were telling me earlier,  
9           told him you most definitely were not.

10   **A.    Exactly, yes.**

11   Q.    And you wanted something done about this.

12   **A.    That's right.**

13   Q.    Can you explain to the Panel what did you do?

14   **A.    Yes.    I met with BAR24 and with BAR9 and I said that**  
15           **BAR9 had told me I had been accused of making anonymous**  
16           **phone calls and BAR9 said, "Well, I didn't -- he didn't**  
17           **really accuse you.  He just said he thought it was you".**  
18           **I said, "Well, in my book that's accusing me", and**  
19           **I asked to then meet with BAR3 and BAR24 and BAR9, but**  
20           **that was refused.**

21   Q.    So BAR24 at the time would have been the

22

23   **A.    Yes, yes.**

24   Q.    And I know you don't want to be critical of people, but  
25           you could understand BAR3 having the better of BAR24.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Is that a fair way to summarise it?

3 **A. Yes, yes, yes.**

4 Q. He would have been a \_\_\_\_\_ than BAR3  
5 would have. Is that ...?

6 **A. Probably, yes.**

7 Q. Don't let me -- best you describe -- I am trying to  
8 condense it down, but best you describe it. I don't  
9 want to be unfair to anyone.

10 **A. I think BAR3 came across as a very plausible guy and**  
11 **spoke well. Obviously people believed him. He had been**  
12 **to BAR14. You know, BAR24 wouldn't deal with the issue.**

13 Q. Did you let it go then?

14 **A. I let it go, yes.**

15 Q. If I put it this way, you were not unhappy to see him  
16 resigning and leaving.

17 **A. No.**

18 Q. I think he was only there -- I can't -- I don't have it  
19 to hand, but he was only there quite a short period in  
20 terms of --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Long enough maybe to do all the things you are  
23 describing.

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

25 Q. He wasn't there for years and years.

1    **A. No, he wasn't. He wasn't. Actually it's only -- it's**  
2            only as you find out a bit more information that you  
3            begin to build that bigger picture. You know, there was  
4            other stuff that he had said had gone on and we didn't  
5            find that out until later. So we couldn't deal with it,  
6            you know.

7    Q. I think that's the point that I was making to you about  
8            hindsight.

9    **A. Yes.**

10   Q. When you look at it now, it looks wholly peculiar.

11   **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

12   Q. But at the time, while you were uncomfortable, there was  
13           nothing that he did with the children --

14   **A. No.**

15   Q. -- that caused you any concern.

16   **A. No, not to my knowledge.**

17   Q. I then went on to ask you, BAR7, about BAR1.

18   **A. Yes.**

19   Q. She was in cottage     for a period while you were in  
20           cottage  .

21   **A. That's right.**

22   Q. Then she was in the main house.

23   **A. Yes.**

24   Q. And again I'm condensing it down, but you were  
25           explaining to me that she maybe wasn't the ideal person

1 certainly for modern social work.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. But she appeared fairly harmless to you.

4 **A. Yes, yes.**

5 Q. And by that I mean everyone was aware on the staff that  
6 she told ghost stories --

7 **A. Yes, yes.**

8 Q. -- and did

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. And you were explaining to me that, in fact, the kids  
11 were enthusiastic --

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

13 Q. -- about that, and at no stage in either anything any of  
14 the children said or any of their behaviour towards her  
15 or generally did it ever cross anyone's mind that there  
16 was twenty years later going to be a series of  
17 allegations about children being sexually abused during  
18 these games.

19 **A. No, definitely not. I mean, I was concerned that the  
20 kids wouldn't settle at night. Had it been my group of  
21 kids in my cottage, I wouldn't have wanted them hearing  
22 those stories late at night.**

23 Q. But that was -- that was a settling down to sleep issue  
24 --

25 **A. Yes, yes.**

1 Q. -- as opposed to something more sinister.

2 **A. Yes, yes.**

3 Q. You were saying that, in fact, your recollection is  
4 children in your group wanted to go over to the stories  
5 --

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

7 Q.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. That was to do with getting them settled to sleep.

10 **A. Yes, settled for the night, yes.**

11 Q. I was asking you was there anything ever in her  
12 behaviour during -- because obviously you weren't  
13 working cheek by jowl.

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. You were in one unit and she was in the other --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- but she was in and out of your company over the  
18 course of four years.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. She was there from to in Macedon.

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Was there ever, other than the incident you dealt with  
23 with HIA101, anything in her behaviour that gave you  
24 cause for concern that children were somehow in danger  
25 from her?

1 **A. No, no, there wasn't.**

2 Q. Now if I turn to BAR2 --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- his position is slightly different, BAR7, in that if  
5 we bring up 9402, I was explaining to you the background  
6 to this, because at the time that you were spoken to by  
7 police to make this statement, you weren't told what the  
8 background of it was.

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. The implication that you took from it from the police  
11 was some suggestion that BAR2 had interfered with  
12 children.

13 **A. That he was and as such had interfered with**  
14 **children.**

15 Q. So it was that and the association --

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. -- being made with --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- it may have involved children --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- that was the issue. As I said to you, it wasn't just  
22 you. BAR36 was spoken to, and there was some from  
23 , where he subsequently worked after  
24 Macedon and Sharonmore, who were spoken to. You explain  
25 that you were . You would have

1           been his                           during the time while you were

2

3   **A. Uh-huh.**

4   Q. Part of his responsibility to stay overnight. You never  
5       had any suspicion that he had                           tendencies.

6   **A. No, I didn't.**

7   Q. I was saying to you that actually as it turns out during  
8       this period he is

9       and it is                           and his association --

10  **A. Uh-huh.**

11  Q. -- that leads the police --

12  **A. Yes.**

13  Q. -- to speak to BAR2 about his relationship --

14  **A. Uh-huh.**

15  Q. -- with                           , which leads to him resigning from his  
16       --

17  **A. Uh-huh.**

18  Q. -- post in                           , but there was nothing in his  
19       behaviour or anything he said that led you to believe he  
20       had                           side to his life?

21  **A. No. I was unaware of that.**

22  Q. And you have a line in this statement, and it is  
23       mirrored by some of the other staff members who spoke  
24       either at this time or later, you never had any  
25       complaints from the children:

1            "... and I feel if BAR2 had been interfering with  
2 children, myself or another staff member would have been  
3 told."

4            Now the reason I want to ask you about that is other  
5 people have commented that the Barnardo's children  
6 weren't necessarily behind the door at making --

7    **A. No.**

8    Q. -- a claim about something.

9    **A. No, they weren't.**

10   Q. In fact, I think BAR8 in a throwaway remark yesterday  
11 said that they could quite happily make things up about  
12 staff --

13   **A. Yes.**

14   Q. -- that were not true. Was that your experience, that  
15 they were not behind the door in that way?

16   **A. Yes, it would have been, yes. Uh-huh, and certainly**  
17 **they were -- I mean, BAR8 would have met with them**  
18 **fairly regularly, you know, and had the opportunity as**  
19 **to talk to them.**

20   Q. The point about taking children overnight, I am going to  
21 ask you about that in the context of BAR3 in a moment,  
22 but the -- am I right in saying the way you described  
23 BAR2 to me earlier, he was a            guy. You didn't mean  
24 to be rude, but he wasn't necessarily the brightest  
25 person you had ever met, but seemed fairly harmless --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- in your dealings with him.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. The one thing that you did talk to him about that you  
5 were aware of was that BAR47 did seem fixated on him.

6 **A. That's right, yes, and we would have discussed that in**  
7 **staff meetings and advised BAR2 to be careful about**  
8 **that.**

9 Q. And in fairness to him there is a record that deals with  
10 an incident with BAR29 in Ballylough where on  
11 he has a conversation -- he has  
12 a conversation with her, where he explains that -- she  
13 is according to the record upset that she is not as  
14 friendly with him as some of the rest of them and BAR47  
15 in particular, and he makes the point that he will not  
16 differentiate between them, but he can't be anybody's  
17 boyfriend --

18 **A. Right.**

19 Q. -- in Macedon. So that might be some indication of him  
20 being aware --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- of the point that you're making. So it was evident  
23 to staff --

24 **A. Oh, yes.**

25 Q. -- that this particular girl has an affinity --

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. -- with this man.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And she was I think very upset when he left. Do you  
5 remember that?

6 **A. I don't remember that. No, I don't.**

7 Q. You don't remember that. In terms of -- the reference  
8 to taking children out overnight, BAR7, you explain you  
9 needed permission to do that. You do remember BAR3  
10 asking and getting permission to take BAR46 to .

11 **A. But not for an overnight I don't think. I think it was  
12 a day trip.**

13 Q. It's a day trip that you --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- remember. I think you do mention that in your  
16 statement. Just bear with me for a moment so I can get  
17 the -- I am struggling to find it, BAR7, but you told  
18 the police you could remember him taking BAR46 -- yes,  
19 it is at 4530, please. It is just down towards the  
20 bottom of the page:

21 "I was working in the flat during the time BAR3 took  
22 BAR46 to ."

23 Your recollection was it wasn't an overnight trip?

24 **A. No. I think my recollection -- and I could be wrong --  
25 but my recollection is that he rang to say he was**

1 **stranded and couldn't get back home.**

2 Q. And as a result was out overnight?

3 **A. Was out overnight, yes, and I at that stage would have**  
4 **been -- would have been working with the satellite group**  
5 **of children, preparing to move out, and that would have**  
6 **been in the flat in Macedon. So**  
7 **I wouldn't have been involved with what was going on in**  
8 **the rest of the unit.**

9 Q. There was a different by that point or do  
10 you think it was still --

11 **A. I don't know if BAR36 had -- no, it wouldn't have been**  
12 **BAR36, no.**

13 Q. You don't think it was you was ?

14 **A. No, I don't think it was. I don't think so. I think it**  
15 **was maybe BAR24.**

16 Q. Who had --

17 **A. Come back.**

18 Q. -- come back.

19 **A. Yes, I think so, yes, but I'm not sure.**

20 Q. BAR7, I'm not going to ask you any more questions.

21 Those are the matters that I --

22 **A. Okay.**

23 Q. -- except for one thing --

24 **A. Okay.**

25 Q. -- which I almost omitted to do, which is the reason you

1 were engaged by the Inquiry in the first place.

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. If we can look, please, at 021, an allegation that was  
4 made by HIA101 in paragraph 19. His allegation is that  
5 you caught BAR37 smoking and you made him, BAR37, eat an  
6 entire packet of cigarettes as punishment.

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

8 Q. Now, as I said to you, I am not aware of BAR37 himself  
9 making this allegation at any stage, although I will  
10 check that, but you in your Inquiry statement, if we go  
11 back to 2500, please, you explain that there -- if we  
12 move down to paragraph 3 I think, there was a ban on  
13 smoking. You were not supposed to be --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- smoking, but that at no stage did you make any child  
16 eat a packet of cigarettes, and that is simply something  
17 that did not happen.

18 **A. No, it didn't happen.**

19 Q. Can you just move down on to the next page, please? You  
20 explain the nature of the policy to do with cigarettes.  
21 You remember taking cigarettes from a particular child.  
22 That's one you remember.

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

24 Q. There may have been others, but at no stage did you make  
25 someone eat them.

1    **A. No, and certainly with the younger children you wouldn't**  
2       **have -- you wouldn't have allowed them. With the older**  
3       **children you might have tried to ignore them a bit, but**  
4       **with --**

5    Q. That they were smoking?

6    **A. Yes, yes, but with the younger children you wouldn't**  
7       **have allowed them to smoke.**

8    Q. I was asking you just one final thing. You couldn't  
9       remember anyone from -- I was asking you about the  
10       Social Work Advisory Group, the sort of Departmental  
11       inspectors. You don't remember them coming in during  
12       your time in Macedon. There's not a name that you can  
13       picture visiting?

14   **A. I don't -- I can't remember. I can't remember it.**  
15       **Maybe if I was given a name, it might jog my memory, but**  
16       **I can't remember it, no.**

17   Q. Okay.

18   **A. Okay.**

19   Q. I am not going to ask you any more, BAR7. If you remain  
20       where you are for a short time, the Panel Members may  
21       want to ask you something.

22   **A. Okay. Thank you.**

23                                   **Questions from THE PANEL**

24   CHAIRMAN: BAR7, can I just ask you to go back to the very  
25       beginning of your evidence? You explained that you were

1 based in the satellite unit on .

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

3 Q. Was that called Ravelston or was that somewhere else  
4 again?

5 **A. No, no. That was -- there were two units on the main  
6 site, Ravelston and Ballyduff.**

7 Q. And then there was --

8 **A. Then there was two satellites, Ballysillan Road and  
9 Rathcoole.**

10 Q. So, in effect, what, there were four separate units  
11 operating --

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. -- under the Sharonmore project umbrella, so to speak?

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. What did you call the one on the Ballysillan Road? Just  
16 "Ballysillan Road"?

17 **A. Just the Ballysillan satellite. Yes, it was actually --  
18 it was Sharonmore. It was -- it was supposed to be  
19 called Sharonmore.**

20

21 Q. Yes.

22 **A. But it was part of the Sharonmore project.**

23 Q. And can I then take you to the episode involving the  
24 theft from BAR1's handbag?

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. It seems from the records that we have looked at today  
2 that, first of all, there was a view that BAR1 was at  
3 fault in being foolish enough to leave a very  
4 substantial sum of money, particularly in those days,  
5 even now, but in those days, nearly forty years ago, in  
6 a handbag in a room where people could get in and, if  
7 they were so inclined, take money from. Isn't that  
8 right?

9 **A. In my memory we had a key to our own bedrooms. So**  
10 **unless she had left the bedroom opened.**

11 Q. But this was the sleeping over room I think?

12 **A. Yes.**

13 Q. But in any event somebody got access to it --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- and she was very foolish to leave such a large amount  
16 of money in her handbag.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. Then it appears that it was a couple of weeks later  
19 I think I am right in saying when it was appreciated  
20 either the money was missing, or that the suspect was  
21 HIA101, or both perhaps, and three separate people took  
22 it on themselves to slap him or hit him --

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. -- with a wooden spoon.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. All quite independently it seems.

2 **A. Yes. I think when they came on different --**

3 Q. BAR1 did it, then somebody else.

4 **A. Somebody else came on shift and did the same thing.**

5 Q. And somebody else.

6 **A. And somebody else came on shift.**

7 Q. One struck him on the hands, another on the legs and the  
8 third one on the bottom. Now they each appear to have  
9 used a wooden spoon. There are two things I'd like to  
10 ask you about the whole episode. The first is surely it  
11 contravened the no physical punishment policy.

12 **A. Of course it did, yes.**

13 Q. If that was a no-no, why did they get away with just  
14 signing the punishment book?

15 **A. They didn't.**

16 Q. They weren't disciplined.

17 **A. I don't know -- I don't know --**

18 Q. I know that wasn't -- I know that wasn't your  
19 responsibility.

20 **A. My responsibility was to pass it on.**

21 Q. Yes, which you did.

22 **A. Yes, and BAR24 and BAR14 dealt with it.**

23 Q. Yes. Well, on the face of it it was a clear breach --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- of what --

1 **A. Oh, yes, it was.**

2 Q. -- we have been told was a very strict rule.

3 **A. Yes, yes.**

4 Q. The second thing about it is each resorted to the same  
5 weapon.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. They lifted a wooden spoon. Would that suggest that  
8 perhaps there were occasions -- other occasions when  
9 people resorted to a wooden spoon to administer  
10 immediate punishment?

11 **A. Yes. I don't know. Not in -- I wouldn't have known  
12 about it, had it been going on. I certainly didn't know  
13 about it.**

14 Q. Yes. Then if I could turn to another aspect of BAR1's  
15 time at Macedon, you said that it was known that she was  
16 , as you put it, to one of the boys .

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

18 Q. That was BAR 85.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Did you -- when I say you, either you personally or the  
21 staff generally -- understand that to be a formal  
22 engagement? I mean, did she wear a ring or was it just  
23 known that they went about so much that it was assumed  
24 they were engaged?

25 **A. I think it was a formal engagement.**

1 Q. Yes.

2 **A. Yes, I think it was a formal engagement, because I can**  
3 **remember her wanting -- asking for specific time off**  
4 **during that period of time to attend church with** <sup>BAR 85</sup>  
5 **BAR 85**

6 Q. Yes. Then if I could turn to BAR3, we have heard that  
7 he either described himself or certainly somehow gave  
8 the very distinct impression that he was a priest --

9 **A. Uh-huh.**

10 Q. -- and a doctor --

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. -- and that he would walk around with a stethoscope. Is  
13 that correct --

14 **A. No.**

15 Q. -- as far as the stethoscope is concerned?

16 **A. He wouldn't have walked around with a stethoscope. He**  
17 **did have a stethoscope.**

18 Q. Yes. One of the witnesses referred to him I think  
19 earlier today as having a doctor's bag.

20 **A. I never saw a doctor's bag.**

21 Q. Yes. Was he in the habit of taking it on himself to  
22 offer basic medical care in the sense he would deal with  
23 a cut or a headache or something of that nature, as if  
24 he knew about it?

25 **A. Yes. He would have with BAR1, and he suggested to me**

1           **that he could remove the stitches from a child's cut,**  
2           **because he was medically trained --**

3    Q.    Yes.

4    A.    -- and I wouldn't let him do that.

5    Q.    What did you mean when you said he would do it with  
6           BAR1?  Would she allow him to do things that you  
7           wouldn't have allowed him to do in that respect?

8    A.    **She would -- she would - he would have given her**  
9           **tablets.**

10   Q.    Oh, I see.  Treated her personally?

11   A.    **Oh, yes.**

12   Q.    I see what you mean, yes.  Thank you very much.

13   A.    **Okay.**

14   MS DOHERTY:  Thanks very much.  That has been really  
15           helpful.  Can I just ask, I mean, we have heard from  
16           some witnesses about members of staff taking children  
17           back to their own homes.  So that they are on duty and  
18           they might take a few of the children.  Was that  
19           something that you were aware of or familiar with?

20   A.    **Yes.  Certainly I can remember before I came to Macedon**  
21           **I used to take a young child out to my home.  I can**  
22           **remember throughout my time in Barnardo's taking kids to**  
23           **my house for barbecues or a meal.  It would have**  
24           **happened, yes.  It would have happened.  Certainly in**  
25           **the early -- the very early days of residential care**

1           **there wouldn't have been the same check-ups had to be**  
2           **completed, but later on that would have changed.**

3    Q.   And, you know, would you describe it as a kind of a  
4           befriending thing where you take a child out before you  
5           began to work there?  If you were -- would there have  
6           been the case where a child -- when you were working,  
7           a member of staff, having a special arrangement whereby  
8           one child was taken on a regular basis to their home?

9    **A.   In Macedon?**

10   Q.   Yes.

11   **A.   No.  I don't remember that, no.**

12   Q.   It wouldn't have been or would it have been a regular  
13           thing that somebody was on duty and said, "I am going to  
14           go off now and take three of them with me back to my  
15           house"?

16   **A.   I'm not quite sure.  I don't think so, but I'm not quite**  
17           **sure.**

18   Q.   I mean, it was different for you, because you were  
19           living in.

20   **A.   Yes.**

21   Q.   But, I mean, clearly some witnesses have talked about  
22           being brought to somebody's house, but that's not  
23           something you were aware of happening?

24   **A.   I don't -- I don't think so, but I'm not sure.**

25   Q.   Okay.  The senior residential officer, when they came,

1 did they engage with the children?

2 **A. Yes, I think they would have done. It would have been**  
3 **primarily with the superintendent, but I think they**  
4 **would have done, yes.**

5 Q. And can you remember any other monthly visitors like  
6 a formal monthly visit to see what was going on in the  
7 unit?

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

9 Q. Can't remember.

10 **A. Sorry.**

11 Q. It's a long time ago. You've done very well with what  
12 you have remembered. BAR1, I mean, one of the things  
13 you said to the police was about her arriving at  
14 a barbecue with a hood over her head and carrying  
15 a knife, which seems a bit -- I mean, that persona and  
16 the did that cause any concern amongst  
17 staff? Was there any -- ever a discussion about whether  
18 it was appropriate?

19 **A. Certainly, yes, it would have caused concern in that it**  
20 **would have upset the children going to bed at night. It**  
21 **wasn't the wisest thing to do, but I don't know that**  
22 **there was any more concern than that, just that this**  
23 **wasn't the best way to behave with young people and**  
24 **kids.**

25 Q. And would there have been a form... -- you talked about

1 monthly meetings, monthly staff meetings. Was there  
2 ever a discussion there to say, you know, "How are we  
3 managing the kids and is it wise to be winding them up  
4 at night?" or ...?

5 **A. Well, I wouldn't have been in the unit that BAR1 worked**  
6 **in. So --**

7 Q. So the monthly meetings were of each unit as opposed to  
8 a large ...?

9 **A. No, no. There would have been large monthly meetings as**  
10 **well, but I don't know that that ever came up in them.**  
11 **I can't remember.**

12 Q. Can't remember, but would they have been used to discuss  
13 practice issues in terms of dealing with children or  
14 ...?

15 **A. In those days you probably -- it was -- we didn't**  
16 **discuss a lot of practice issues. That came in as time**  
17 **went on and more training became available, but in the**  
18 **early days that certainly would have been more limited.**

19 Q. Can I just -- the issue about BAR3 not bringing in his  
20 driving licence and the form not being completed and  
21 then he goes to see BAR14, did you raise with BAR14 your  
22 feelings about ...?

23 **A. Oh, yes.**

24 Q. And can you say a bit about that, what the response was?

25 **A. Basically he had given him permission to go. That's all**

1           **he told me.**

2       Q.   And he wouldn't -- there was no indication why in  
3           a sense a policy or a procedure had been ...?

4       **A.   No.**

5       Q.   Just the last thing is that again talking to the police,  
6           you talk about BAR37 when he comes off the roof.

7       **A.   Yes.**

8       Q.   Then you go to visit him in hospital.

9       **A.   Yes.**

10      Q.   He says to the nurse, "I don't want her to touch me" and  
11         how you felt about that.

12      **A.   Yes.**

13      Q.   Did you ever have any follow-up discussion with him  
14         about that or did you have any sense of what that was  
15         about?

16      **A.   No.  I was worried at the time, because I thought, "What  
17         is this kid trying to suggest?" --**

18      Q.   Uh-huh.

19      **A.   -- but I don't remember following it up with him.**

20      Q.   He got over it presumably if he didn't ...?

21      **A.   Yes, I think -- well, yes.**

22      Q.   Okay.  Thanks very much.

23      **A.   Okay.**

24      MR LANE:  You mentioned the visits by the Chief Medical  
25         Officer from Barkingside.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Were there were other senior officers and so on from  
3 Barkingside that used to call in as well?

4 **A. Gosh!**

5 Q. Or did Ireland division normally look after itself?

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

7 Q. It doesn't stick in your memory?

8 **A. No. I would imagine there was -- there would have been**  
9 **some, but it wouldn't have been a regular thing, and it**  
10 **would have been a much more formal thing if you had got**  
11 **someone from Barkingside coming to visit.**

12 Q. Was the Ireland division a big one? Did the senior  
13 residential officer have to travel around a lot? There  
14 may be somebody else we can ask that if you don't know  
15 the answer.

16 **A. I don't know. Sorry. I don't know.**

17 Q. Right. When you took over the role as  
18 , was there somebody else taking on the  
19 matron's role at that time?

20 **A. I didn't remember until today that I was**  
21 **for a period. We did -- yes, because it**  
22 **was normally the who took over the**  
23 **matron's role.**

24 Q. Yes. Right.

25 **A. That's right, but then we had a matron appointed --**



1 and why do you think there was a turnover of that sort?

2 **A. I don't think it was -- it was set out to recruit**  
3 **younger staff.**

4 Q. Uh-huh.

5 **A. I think in those days it was not seen as a very**  
6 **professional job --**

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 **A. -- unlike today, you know. So I think that would**  
9 **have -- that would have meant that you wouldn't have**  
10 **had -- you certainly wouldn't have had qualified social**  
11 **workers, which is what you have now within residential**  
12 **care.**

13 Q. I have the impression that in the Sharonmore era there  
14 was a higher proportion of qualified staff.

15 **A. Oh, yes, yes.**

16 Q. So did the change come with the closure of Macedon and  
17 the opening of Sharonmore?

18 **A. Well, it came more with -- I think it came more with the**  
19 **sort of progression in social work --**

20 Q. Uh-huh.

21 **A. -- which, you know --**

22 Q. Yes.

23 **A. -- the development of social work -- of the social work**  
24 **role within residential.**

25 Q. Right. Just one last one, picking up on the points

1 about the children being invited to the homes of staff.

2 Would that sort of thing have been discussed in the

3 twice clearly reviews for the individual children?

4 **A. I don't -- I don't remember. Sorry. I don't remember.**

5 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

6 **A. Okay. Thank you.**

7 CHAIRMAN: Well, BAR7, thank you very much indeed for coming

8 to speak to us today. That's been very helpful.

9 **A. Okay. Thank you.**

10 Q. I am sure you will be glad to hear that's the last

11 question we have for you.

12 **A. Yes.**

13 **(Witness withdrew)**

14 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, that's the end of

15 today's oral evidence.

16 CHAIRMAN: Very well. Usual time tomorrow, ladies and

17 gentlemen.

18 (3.55 pm)

19 (Inquiry adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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