

HIA REF: []

NAME: **BAR 9**DATE: [3rd December 2015]**THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995**

Witness Statement of

BAR 9 will say as follows: -

1. I do remember during the summer of [] along with another male member of staff, **BAR 1** and a female staff member, who I believe was **BAR 35** **BAR 35** taking a group of young people from Macedon on holiday to an old school outside Bushmills, Co Antrim. There was a number of young people on this trip, **BAR 47** and **BAR 29** being the two girls I remember being present. ^{HIA 516} **BAR 101** **BAR 39** and **BAR 37** I believe were there also. I have vague recollections of **BAR 32** and **BAR 101** being with us. My memory of the layout of the building is unclear other than I remember a large kitchen/canteen area. The sleeping accommodation I struggle to recall but would be totally confident in saying that the female staff slept in the same quarters as the girls and **BAR 2** and myself would have slept in the same area as the boys. Recollection of the incident involving **BAR 29** and **BAR 2** is somewhat limited given the passage of time but I am absolutely certain that at no time did **BAR 29** or any other young person allege rape or indeed make any reference to anything of a sexual nature having taken place. My memory of the incident is that most of us were in the kitchen area when we heard **BAR 29** shouting and screaming. By the time I ran to the part of the

building where the noise was coming from [BAR 29] was outside heading for the gates leading to the road. I do recall catching up with her and restraining her from running away. She was very upset and I remember her shouting that she wanted to go back to Macedon. The female staff member and myself did, I believe, spend considerable time with [BAR 29] trying to calm her and finding out why she was so upset. The only thing I clearly remember is [BAR 29] continually telling us she wanted to go back to Macedon but did tell us that [BAR 2] had grabbed her by the arm and tried to prevent her from leaving the building. During the time we were trying to talk with [BAR 29] I think [BAR 47] stayed around the area where we were while the rest of the group must have been taken back to the kitchen by [BAR 2] [BAR 2] but I have to say exact details I cannot give. Due to [BAR 29] insistence that she wanted to return to Macedon, contact was made with the Home. I remember another staff member, [BAR 92] coming up late that evening and transporting [BAR 29] back to Macedon the following day. I am fairly clear that [BAR 29] was spoken to about the incident by staff on her return to Macedon but I am unsure of the outcome of that conversation and sadly I do not have any further recollection of the follow up to this incident either with [BAR 29] herself or with the staff member, [BAR 2]

2. I commenced my employment with Barnardo's in [redacted] as a [redacted] I had become a [redacted] and also acted as [redacted] for a brief period in [redacted] I attended [redacted] from September [redacted] until June [redacted] where I successfully completed my CQSW. I returned to work full time in Macedon in the summer of [redacted] and it was shortly after this I was promoted to a new position of [redacted] for the impending move to the new unit Sharonmore in [redacted] In [redacted] the young people and staff transferred to these new premises. My role as [redacted] continued in the [redacted] until December [redacted] at which time I took up a new post with the [redacted]
3. In [redacted] the procedures in place for dealing with allegations of abuse by staff would certainly not have been anywhere near as comprehensive as today's Child Protection Procedures in Residential Units. It is difficult to recall what procedures were in place as during the last thirty plus years considerable advances in the production of very clear guidelines for both young people and staff alike. I would be fairly certain the procedures then involved detailed recording by the staff

member the allegation was made to, notification to the [REDACTED] (BAR 36), notification to Barnardo's Assistant Director responsible for Children's Homes, notification to the placing Authority responsible for placing the young person both management and the young person's Field Social Worker. Also I would like to think that by [REDACTED] the Police would have been notified of any allegation of abuse by staff (whether this was detailed in the procedures then I am unable to recall but I would be fairly certain police would have been invited to attend any meeting of the above notified people).

4. I am not aware of anyone being informed of the allegations by BAR 29 against BAR 2 [REDACTED] I was certainly never informed by BAR 29 or any other young person in Macedon of any allegation of rape or other sexual abuse committed on BAR 29 by BAR 2 [REDACTED] I only became aware of the different allegations of abuse committed by staff members in Macedon on young people when I was contacted by Detective Constable Boyce in 2000 and the subsequent Crown Prosecution Case against BAR 2 and BAR 1 [REDACTED]
5. Of course it should have been reported. To think that incidents like this happened when I was working in Macedon and young people were unable to tell staff upsets me greatly.
6. If this matter had been shared with any member of staff it should have been reported to the police immediately.
7. The only thing I would add that might be of interest to the HIA Inquiry is that on my return to work in Macedon in [REDACTED] I was aware of changes in staffing and very conscious of the marked deterioration in the behaviour and attitude in some of the same young people who I had worked with prior to going to [REDACTED]
8. Finally in relation to information about HIA 216 [REDACTED] and her involvement with BAR 4 [REDACTED] I am not of any assistance to the Inquiry other than I have heard his name. I do not recall ever meeting him, possibly as he worked in Macedon after I had gone to [REDACTED]
9. I would like the Inquiry to know that I met with many of these young people during the Crown Prosecution Case and have had some ongoing contact since particularly with one of the ex-residents of Barnardo's.

Statement of Truth

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

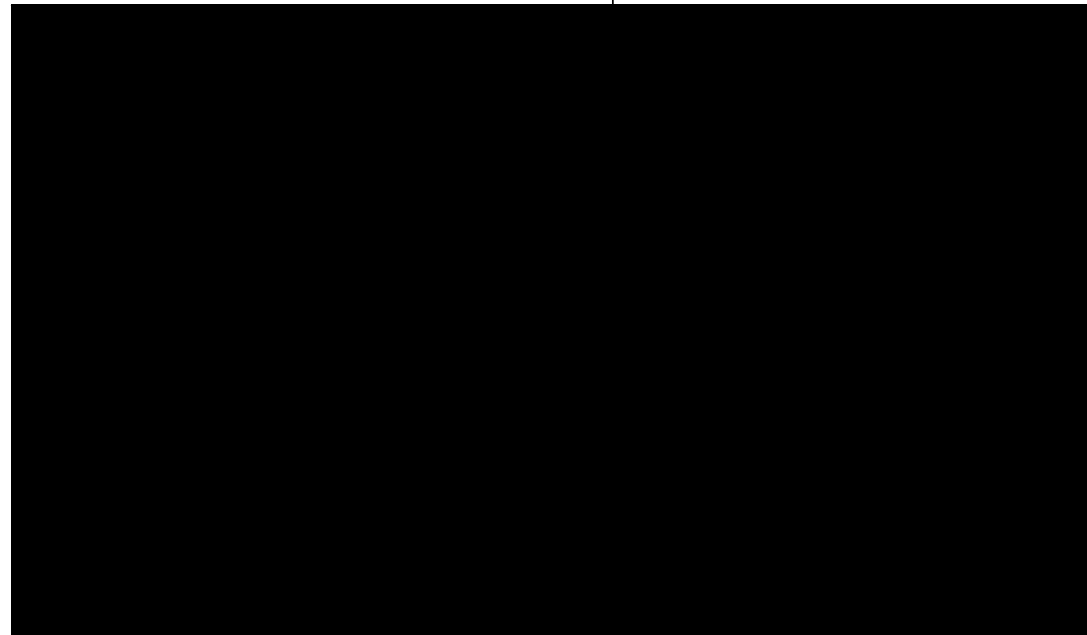
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[REDACTED] In the summer of [REDACTED] I went to Bushmills on holiday with Barnardos from Macedon. I remember that I had returned from Blackpool on a Girls Brigade trip which had been paid for already so I had to go. I remember that the children and staff were already in Bushmills but I can't remember how I got there. The place we stayed in in Bushmills was like an old school. The boys slept in Portacabins. It seemed to be in the middle of nowhere and there were fields all around it. It was around the 12th July time because I could hear the sound of Lambeg drums. [REDACTED] BAR 2 was one of the staff members on the trip. Another staff member called [REDACTED] BAR 92 brought me back to Macedon from there. I remember that [REDACTED] BAR 47 [REDACTED] HIA 101 and [REDACTED] HIA 516 were also on this same trip. One night I was alone in my bedroom in the place where we were staying. I shared this bedroom with [REDACTED] BAR 47 and I think another staff member. They were over in the canteen area with the other kids. I was already in bed when [REDACTED] BAR 2 came into the room. The bed was a single bed with like iron bars just like a hospital bed. My bedroom was upstairs in the main building. I don't remember what clothes I was wearing in

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bed but normally I wear a nightie or a T shirt. I didn't hear [REDACTED] [REDACTED] come in. It was dark. He came over to my bed. I could smell his clothes. It was always the same smell of cigarette smoke. He sat at the side of the bed and started touching me, putting his hand underneath the covers rubbing my breasts and vagina. I could hear him taking his clothing off and he got into bed beside me. I got out of bed on the other side and he grabbed me. He had the bottom half of his clothes off as I could feel his bare legs on mine. He had the top half of his clothing on because I could feel his jumper with wee square holes in it. He pinned me down on the bed. This was the first time he had got into bed beside me. He held my hands down together on the bed above my head. I did get one hand free while he was lying on top of me. I was lying on my back and I was trying to get him off me with my free hand. He put his penis into my vagina. I was trying to get him off. I was crying and he put his hand over my mouth while he had intercourse with me. As soon as it finished I got up straight away. I had no shoes on. I put a duffle coat on when he stopped what he was doing and rolled off me, allowing me to breathe and get up. My vagina was sore and later I noticed bleeding in my underwear. Before this incident I could cope with the touching but I couldn't cope with this. I left the room crying. He followed me straight out of the room and stopped me at the beginning of the stairs, upstairs. He caught my wrist I was pulling to get away and I told him to let me go and leave me alone. I was still crying. He did let me go and he followed me downstairs. I went outside, followed by him. He stopped me again outside as I headed towards the big gateway. I was screaming and shouting at him. He was trying to shut me up as I was so worked up. He hit me, holding one of my arms, hitting me across my back with his hand. I think it was his open hand because it

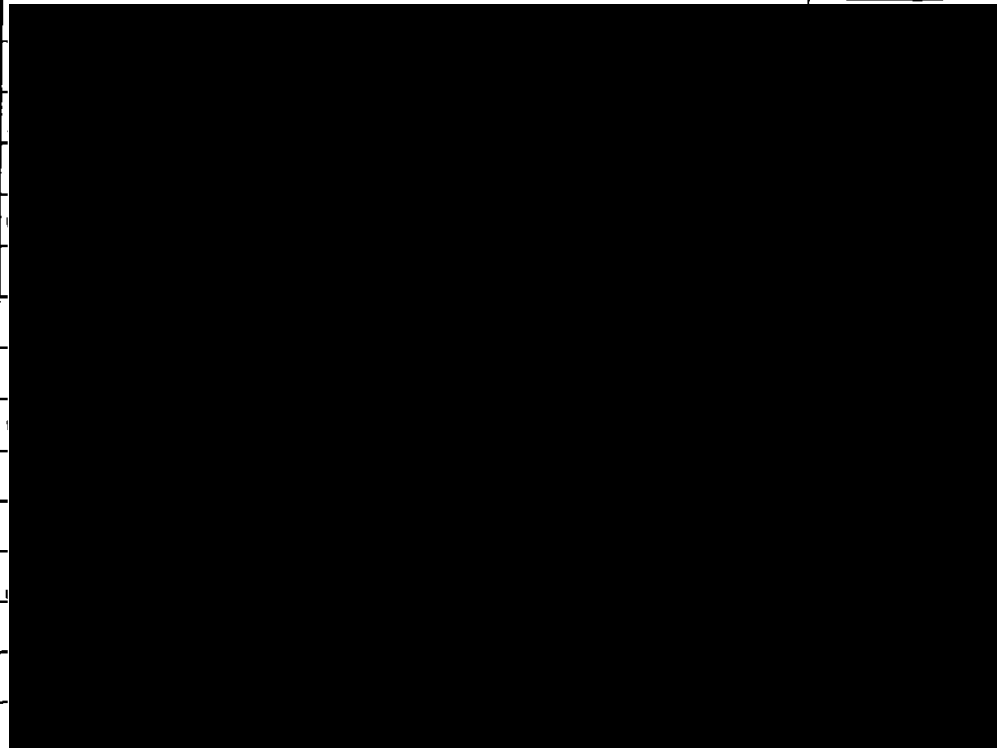
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minutes later he stopped. He didn't ejaculate. He was wearing jeans at the time which he took down a bit at the front. I don't remember what underwear he was wearing. He ^{told me not to say anything} ~~didn't say~~ or else. ~~After~~ when he had finished he just left the room after pulling up his jeans. This is the last time I recall **BAR 39** sexually assaulted me. This upset me greatly. The following day I reported this to **BAR 9** at that time. I told him **BAR 39** had made him do something very bad to me. I didn't tell him exactly what it was at the time. I don't recall what **BAR 9** said he would do. I recall on one occasion when



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