

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY
STATEMENT TO THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY**

MODULE 8

MACEDON AND SHARONMORE CHILDREN'S HOMES

27 November 2015

I, Hilary R Harrison will say as follows:

This statement has been provided on behalf of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (the Department) in response to the Rule 9 request of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIAI) dated 10 November 2015. It has been prepared on the basis of information contained in files currently held by the Department and such evidence received from the HIAI as it has been possible to review within the required timeframe. As further information becomes available, it may be necessary to provide to the HIAI, revised or supplementary statements.

The Inquiry Panel may wish to note that my name appears on evidence received by the HIAI from Barnardos and the PSNI. I have set out the circumstances in which such references occur (Annex A). Although I placed some children in Macedon during my time as a social worker with the Eastern Health and Social Services Board (EHSSB), none of these former residents have come forward as witnesses to the HIAI, nor were they represented in criminal proceedings which took place against former members of Barnardo's staff. Furthermore, although I was employed by Barnardos from 1976 to 1992, I was not, during that time, directly or indirectly involved with either of the institutions under consideration within this module.

HIAI Question1

1. When did the Department or its predecessors in title, inspect Macedon?

- 1.1 The Department notes that Macedon was registered as a voluntary children's home by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) in June 1950 and understands that this was also the year that the home was opened by Barnardos. The Children and Young Person's Act (NI) 1950 (the 1950 Act) and the subsequent Children and Young Person's Act (NI) 1968 (the 1968 Act), empowered MoHA and, from 1972, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to "*cause any voluntary home to be inspected from time to time*"¹.
- 1.2 The Department does not hold any contemporaneous files or other records relating to Macedon during its period of operation from 1950 until the closure of the home in 1981. The HIAI has recently provided the Department with a list of documents which the DHSS made available to the Hughes Inquiry². The list cites two files relating to Macedon Children's Home: TC 166³ entitled 'Voluntary Homes – Macedon, Whitehouse, Co Antrim; and BC 16670/80⁴ is a file entitled "16670/80 Voluntary Homes - Macedon Whitehouse (Dr Barnardo's) Inspections", the latter suggesting that inspection did take place.

¹ 1950 Act, section 102; 1968 Act, section 130.

² SND 13963 -13981

³ SND 13966

⁴ SND 13980

Neither file has been identified within the Departmental records despite a further recent search having been carried out using the reference numbers and file titles identified. The Department is currently preparing a formal response to the HIAI in respect of the list and its reference to file materials relating to institutions under consideration by the HIAI. With reference to the absence of such documentation it is noted that internal Departmental correspondence in relation to the 2003 criminal proceedings against former members of staff at Macedon refers to searches for archived file materials which appear to have been unsuccessful (Annexes B (i) and B(ii))⁵.

- 1.3 A review of the evidence received to date from the HIAI in respect of Module 8 has not provided any information regarding inspections of or visits to Macedon by MoHA Children's Inspectors or Social Work Advisors from the DHSS's Social Work Advisory Group (SWAG). The Department is therefore unable at this stage to determine the extent of engagements by Children's Inspectors/Social Work Advisors with Macedon. The only other evidence in addition to the files provided to the Hughes Inquiry (see paragraph 1.2 above) which confirms that contacts did occur is the report dated 28 April 1953 and compiled by the former MoHA Children's Inspector, Miss K Forrest in relation to a '*brief summary impressions of voluntary children's homes*'⁶. This report, which was brought to the attention of the HIAI during Module 1 of the Inquiry, noted in respect of Macedon:

"For school-age children. Well-staffed, well-equipped, excellent care and training. Children attend outside schools."

- 1.4 With reference to the context of such observations, the Department would refer to its previous statement dated January 2014⁷ which cited the following written evidence provided in 1983 by the DHSS to the Committee of Inquiry into Children's Homes and Hostels (the Hughes Inquiry) in respect of inspectorial functions under MoHA:

"work was carried out on the basis of short visits and reports were prepared for Child Welfare Branch. These reports gave the Inspector's overall impression of the home visited and of its occupants and raised any matters on which action might be taken by the Ministry, for example in respect of improvements to physical facilities not all files relating to visits carried out and reported on by the Children's Inspectors are still in existence; this is due to the normal process of review and destruction of old files. However, from

⁵ The correspondence attached at Annexes B (i) and (ii) is taken from the Departmental File No BS 1117/03 entitled CCPD Child Protection Inquiries Macedon Children's Home Child Abuse. This file was submitted in full to the HIAI on 9.09.2103.

⁶ Module 1 HIA 1462-1464

⁷ SND 13434-13480

the information available, the visits to statutory homes appear to have been less frequent than those to voluntary homes”.

1.5 The Department is aware from the evidence received by the HIAI in respect of children’s institutions previously considered by the Inquiry, that a programme of annual MoHA inspection visits of voluntary homes by Children’s Inspectors, mainly Miss K Forrest and Dr N Simpson (a Ministry medical officer), took place during the 1950s. This continued, with perhaps slightly diminishing frequency, during the 1960s. From 1972, when SWAG was established within the newly created DHSS, the Department has already postulated to the HIAI that in contrast to the more formal concept of inspection, SWAG undertook advisory and supportive visits to children’s homes as a direct consequence of a change in the policy emphasis of the UK Government, brought about by the implementation of the Seebohm report⁸. The Department has no reason to believe that Macedon and the other children’s homes operated by Barnardos were not subject to the same regimes of inspection and visitation during the periods in question.

2. Does the Department accept any systems failures in relation to its or its predecessors’ involvement with Macedon?

2.1 Due to the absence of relevant information held by the Department or received to date from the HIAI, the Department is presently unable to comment on whether there were systemic failures in the engagement of the MoHA and DHSS with Macedon or with management within Barnardo’s during the period with which the HIAI is concerned.

2.2 In this context, however, the Department has noted the comments contained in police report⁹ regarding the *“practices within Barnardo’s that ultimately created opportunities for abuse”*

- a) lack of professionally qualified/trained staff;
- b) staff working alone overnight in charge of children;
- c) lack of guidelines regarding bathing children;
- d) staff accompanying children alone on visits outside the unit and taking children to their own homes.

2.3 Similar and additional comments made by the Honourable Mr Justice Weir during the trial proceedings were the focus of an in-depth review in 2004¹⁰ by Barnardos to identify learning from the case and ensure that current practice

⁸ The Report of the Committee on Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services HMSO London 1968 ‘The Seebohm Report’.

⁹ BAR 4262-4266

¹⁰ BAR 051

was sufficiently robust to safeguard children and minimise opportunity for such events to occur again. The Department does not wish to undervalue the helpful exercise undertaken by Barnardos nor to detract in any way from the distress of children who suffered abuse. However, it notes that the issues identified in paragraph 2.2 above were reflective of general and accepted standards of the day within children's homes throughout the U.K. The MOHA and subsequently the DHSS sought from the 1950s to encourage residential staff to obtain qualifications in residential child care by making training support funding available to voluntary organisations. Following the Hughes Inquiry, as noted in the Department's January 2014 statement¹¹, the DHSS introduced a major initiative to fund and secure the establishment of a professionally qualified social work workforce in all children's homes.

3. When did the Department or its predecessors in title inspect Sharonmore?

- 3.1 The Sharonmore Project which opened in 1981 comprised a main residential facility with two living units, each of which accommodated eight young people. Also included within the project were two smaller homes, known as 'satellite units' each accommodating four young people and located within a five mile radius of the main facility. Documentation held in a current Departmental file which deals with the de-registration of the Sharonmore Project's satellite unit, located at Derrycoole Way and the return of its certificate of registration, suggests that each unit may have been registered in its own right as a children's home (Annex C)¹². The Sharonmore Project closed in 1998.
- 3.2 Inspections of the Project were carried out by SWAG and from 1986, the Social Services Inspectorate. We know from the Hughes Inquiry¹³ that the first inspection of Sharonmore was undertaken by SWAG in 1983¹⁴. In the opinion of the Hughes Inquiry, the report represented '*a good standard of inspection by the Department*'. The Department does not have a copy of the 1983 inspection report.
- 3.3 The Sharonmore inspection reports available in current Departmental files are dated July 1992 and June 1993¹⁵. These are the only reports available at this time, although the Department believes that further inspections of the Sharonmore Project took place during the home's period of operation. The

¹¹ SND 13434-13480 paragraphs 54-60

¹² The document attached at Annex C is taken from the Departmental File No BC 871/94 entitled PPRD3 De-Registration of Children's Homes. This file was submitted in full to the HIAI on 10.10.2014.

¹³ Although the Sharonmore Project was included in the Hughes Inquiry's considerations, no homosexual offences or misconduct were at that time found to have occurred within the Project itself.

¹⁴ BAR 964-965

¹⁵ These reports are contained in the Departmental File No BP1325/95 which was submitted in full to the HIAI on 15.05.2015

1992 and 1993 inspection reports demonstrate an in-depth and comprehensive review of the Sharonmore Project which acknowledged the challenging nature of the needs of the young people accommodated in the project and provided objective comment on the standards of care as well as opportunity for young people to express any concerns orally or in writing.

4. Any particular issues relevant to the HIA Inquiry's Terms of Reference that the Department wishes to draw to the HIA Inquiry's attention in respect of its involvement with Sharonmore?

4.1 The Department was notified by Barnardos in September 1992 that Barnardos in Dublin had received anonymous information to the effect that a *'man with an English accent had claimed to have abused a 15 year old girl while working in a Belfast Barnardos home'*.¹⁶ It is not known by what means the Dublin organisation received this information. To our knowledge and based on the information currently available, this was the first report received by the Department indicating that a child in Barnardo's care might have been abused by a member of staff. The record relating to this incident shows that both Barnardos and the Department handled the matter appropriately within the limitations imposed by the anonymity of the alleged perpetrator and the lack of available detail at the time. Mr Orr, the SSI Inspector who followed up the information with Barnardos also confirmed to his Assistant Chief Inspector that during his recent inspection *'the questionnaires returned by the young people contained no indication of anything untoward'*. No further information is available in relation to this anonymous allegation.

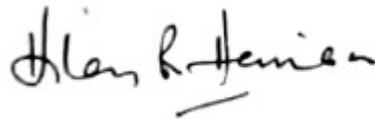
4.2 In July 1998, Dr McCoy, the then Chief Inspector SSI, was notified by ■■■■■ **BAR13** ■■■■■, ■■■■■ that allegations had been made against three members of staff by two former residents of Macedon and Ravelston units. The events which were purported to have occurred between ■■■■■ were being investigated by the police. **BAR13** reported that Barnardos had informed senior management in the Eastern and Northern Health and Social Care Boards as the majority of the children accommodated within the home at that time were in the care of these respective Boards. The Departmental file documentation¹⁷ shows that the DHSS wrote to both Boards in August 1998 seeking an update on the progress of the investigations. Correspondence was received from the Eastern Board in September and

¹⁶ This document is attached at Annex D and is taken from the Departmental File No BP1325/95 which was submitted in full to the HIAI on 15.05.2015.

¹⁷ The correspondence and documentation referred to in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 is contained in the Departmental File No BS 1117/03 entitled CCPD Child Protection Inquiries Macedon Children's Home Child Abuse. This file was submitted in full to the HIAI on 09.09.2014

October 1998 detailing the actions of Board staff, the police and Barnardos in taking the matter forward.

- 4.3 Whilst the Departmental file does not contain any further information relating to the 1998 complaints, it is apparent from subsequent documentation that the Department was notified in November 2003 that **BAR1** and **BAR2** had been charged with a range of offences relating to the sexual and physical abuse of ten former residents of Macedon. Briefings were prepared for Angela Smith, the then Minister for Health and Social Services. In January 2003, the Department was invited by the then EHSSB's Director of Social Services to take part in strategy discussions between the police, Barnardos and the Board. The question of the Department's role in the inspection of Macedon was raised at that stage and prompted the search for reports of inspections of Macedon (paragraph 1.2 above refers). The Departmental information on file concludes in June 2004.
- 4.4 It is evident from the evidence in Departmental records and that received from the HIAI that Barnardos, relevant Health and Social Services Boards and the police responded appropriately to the allegations received. Action was taken to develop a co-ordinated strategy to manage the ongoing investigation and its implications for former residents and staff involved in providing evidence to assist the investigation.
- 5. Does the Department accept any systemic failures in relation to its or its predecessors' involvement with Sharonmore?**
- 5.1 Based on the information currently available, the Department does not find any evidence of systemic failure in its engagement with the Sharonmore Project or those responsible for the management of the Project.



Signed

Date 27 November 2015

Witness name: Hilary Harrison DHSSPS

Date: 27 November 2015

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Annex A

ANNEX A

BAR 4639 contains a statement dated 18 October 2000 which I provided to the police in respect of their investigations into allegations made by ex-residents of Macedon against former staff of the home, namely BAR1, BAR2, BAR3 and BAR82 and a former, namely a BAR12. The statement explains that during the period I had management responsibility for, which included the home for young people. BAR1 was transferred from Macedon to in or around as a consequence of difficulties with the standard of her work in the Sharonmore Project. Her period of employment in lasted no longer than about during which time it became quickly apparent that she was not a suitable person to be working with children or young people. Disciplinary proceedings were initiated following an incident in which she struck a young person with a wooden 'Scholl' shoe. BAR1 however, resigned from Barnardos prior to the completion of these proceedings.

My statement to the police also makes reference to a report I completed in on BAR12, a who had befriended a child in Macedon. That report is contained in the HIAI evidence at BAR 11428-11434. I believe I was asked by my line manager at the time, BAR 111 to consider BAR12 general suitability as a befriender, as I had no previous knowledge of him or the child whom he had befriended. Although I cannot recall the full circumstances of the case, I note that I did not make a recommendation regarding BAR12. It would appear from the concluding statement in the report that I was not confident I had been provided with sufficient information to enable a full appraisal of the situation.

With reference to BAR82, I recalled that he had been employed in the home during a time when I had no management responsibilities for the unit. I had no significant knowledge of BAR3 or BAR2.

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BEFRIENDING APPLICATIONBAR 12
[REDACTED]

Interviews at Divisional Office:	February 10th	[REDACTED]	3 hours
	February 19th	[REDACTED]	2½ hours

BACKGROUND TO APPLICATION

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

FACTUAL INFORMATION

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

BAR 12 is a [REDACTED] - has not had any other career and is presently [REDACTED]

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS

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

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

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BAR 12 said that his first thoughts on the suggestion of assessment were that he would refuse, but on reflection he felt that **HIA 516** would "lose out" if he had to terminate the friendship. He said he understood the reasons given to him by myself and others for the necessity of us having some information about and knowledge of the people we intend to introduce to children in care.

DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH **HIA 516**

Because of the unusual nature of this application our conversation tended to focus a lot around what had happened between **BAR 12** and **HIA 516** before we could get on to wider areas.

BAR 12 gave me an account of the development of the contact from his point of view.

Approximately 1½ years ago, **HIA 516** ran away from Macedon to his own home. **BAR 12** was [REDACTED] who went out to retrieve him. He felt very sorry for **HIA 516** when he saw the home circumstances and the row that ensued (I think) between **HIA 516** and his mother, [REDACTED]. **HIA 516** was upset and [REDACTED] took him for a run in the car before returning to Macedon. They gave him money to buy a hamburger. [REDACTED] **BAR 12** was in the shop with him and when **HIA 516** bought the hamburger he offered the change back. On being told to keep it he looked around the shop and put the money in a little collecting box for the blind. **BAR 12** was immediately impressed by this. After returning **HIA 516** to Macedon, he told the incident to the [REDACTED] and suggested they start up a trust fund for **HIA 516**. They did this, but the original staff have now all left and **BAR 12** is disappointed in the response of new staff to this. However he continues the fund by himself, with occasional donations from others.

Through this contact **BAR 12** continued to visit Macedon and began to take some of the children out - **HIA 516** and **BAR 47** were in this group. At one stage, **BAR 12**, says he was told by **BAR 24**, [REDACTED] that it would be better if he concentrated on one child as the children badly needed individual stable relationships outside of the home. He decided that he would take this interest in **HIA 516** with whom a natural relationship had already developed. **HIA 516** seemed pleased

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with the contact and things went on from there.

IMPLICATIONS FOR HIA 516 FAMILY

I asked **BAR 12** if **HIA 516** parents had any feelings about this. He stated at first that he saw himself very much apart from **HIA 516** parents as he was offering **HIA 516** friendship, but not substitute parenting. He said that **HIA 516** did not talk to him very much about his family, but would mention his mother rather than his father when he did. However **BAR 12** said later that **HIA 516** "hated" his father and it emerged that **BAR 12** also has very negative feelings about **BAR 30** gained from **HIA 516** accounts of his father. He looks on **BAR 30** as an inadequate mother, but more of a pathetic figure. He does not see any future for **HIA 516** in the family as it now stands. **BAR 12** says he had not indicated these feelings in any way to **HIA 516** - that they are his own personal judgement, and that he simply provides a listening ear when **HIA 516** chooses to talk. He appreciated that children can be sensitive to and aware of unexpressed feelings.

As **HIA 516** is still in contact with his home, **BAR 12** agreed that it must be difficult for **HIA 516** to sort out his loyalties at times, especially when there is the added problem of such a wide difference in material standards, between his befriender and his family. **BAR 12** admitted that he was very generous with money and that this had caused some difficulty with staff in the past. He told me of an incident at Christmas when he had bought an expensive present against staff recommendations. We looked at the implications of this incident both for staff and **HIA 516** parents. He did say that he had not been aware if **HIA 516** had ever "used" **BAR 12** against his parents, or indeed against staff. He realised, he said, that it would be unfortunate if **HIA 516** developed unrealistic expectations about the availability of money etc and that even though the amount of money being spent was little from **BAR 12** income, it would be important to follow staff directions on this point.

BAR 12 has met Mrs **BAR 30** about twice and **BAR 30** not at all. He knows the other members of the family and feels that they have more of a future with the family than **HIA 516**. He says that he would never attempt to influence **HIA 516** directly or indirectly as to his future.

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RELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF

BAR 12 tried to draw me into conversation about current problems in Macedon and how he felt staff were coping/not coping. He felt that he had been given useful guidance by staff e.g. the suggestion that he should take **HIA 516** horse riding. I got the impression however that **BAR 12** regards himself almost as one of the staff and he certainly appears to have a detailed knowledge of the running of Macedon in general - I don't think this has all been gained from **HIA 516**

PRESENT SITUATION WITH **HIA 516**

BAR 12 sees **HIA 516** at least once a week, when he takes him horse riding. He has taken **HIA 516** out in the past to roller skating etc, and says that he gets enjoyment out of **HIA 516** doing well and being given the opportunity to excel at something special. **BAR 12** says he has seen **HIA 516** self-esteem rise considerably and feels that this will help him in the future. (1)

I asked if **HIA 516** had ever "tested out" the relationship. **BAR 12** stated that at the beginning he was met with occasional refusals to go with him at the last minute. This did annoy him, but he was firm with **HIA 516** that arrangements once made, should be kept. He himself has always kept appointments with **HIA 516** and feels that this is an important part of the relationship i.e. that **HIA 516** should be able to trust him as a dependable person. One major altercation with **HIA 516** ended with **BAR 12** ordering him out of the **HIA 516** had become a frequent visitor to the **HIA 516** and his horse play had got out of hand) **HIA 516** went, but was very upset about this and subdued afterwards. There have been no major difficulties since then.

BAR 12 sees the future of the relationship in very vague terms at the moment. He is aware that **HIA 516** may soon begin to identify with and seek friendship more from his peer group than adult company.

BAR 12 feels he is prepared to allow **HIA 516** to set the limits to the friendship; he told me in fact, that he was concerned about **HIA 516** seeming lack of friends and that he had asked **HIA 516** on several occasions

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to bring his friends along with him, but HIA 516 had ended up coming on his own. BAR 12 would be happier if HIA 516 did have more contact with young people.

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

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

BAR 12'S FAMILY BACKGROUND

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

SOCIAL LIFE AND INTERESTS

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

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of restoring a table, which he said would be worth about £200.00 finished. **BAR 12** said that his main pleasure lay in finding something which "everybody thought was useless" but which, with a little care and attention could be made into an object of beauty. He likened his involvement with **HIA 516** in that way and felt that even a child who had started off as disadvantaged as **HIA 516** had potential which should be recognised and encouraged.

I also suspect that **BAR 12** himself identifies with this need to be seen as a person of worth, especially in his relationships with women. He confided that he had been "let down badly" by a girl whom he had gone with for 2 years and whom he had intended to marry. He had bought his house in [REDACTED] with this in mind, but she married someone else. **BAR 12** says he "feels it" that he only seems to attract separated or divorced women now and that he thinks they tend to "use him as a meal ticket". His ideal is to be happily married but the only women available seem to have been through marriage before and he wanders if it didn't work once for them - would it not work again?

At the moment he has no serious relationship with anyone.

After discussing **BAR 12**'s views at some length on this point it emerged that he also has deep feelings about not having any family and his isolation on occasions when the talking point among people of his own age is their family. For the first time he admitted that he saw **HIA 516** as a substitute son and really did get a kind of "parental" pleasure in his contact with him, but knew that this relationship could become different as **HIA 516** grew older. **BAR 12** himself could be exposed to hurt and anger and recognises this, but he says he has no expectations that **HIA 516** should "give back" emotionally.

EMPLOYMENT

BAR 12 is a [REDACTED] and has a team of eight working for him. He tells me that his job is very varied and that as well as his official duties, he is often called upon to give advice or provide a listening ear to the personal problems [REDACTED]

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

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

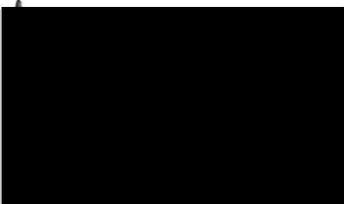
CONCLUSION

BAR 12 impresses me as a rather lonely man who feels he was "missed out" on marriage and family life. Some areas of his life i.e. relationship with **HIA 516** interest in team's personal problems, make up for this and he is at least willing to admit this. I feel this is an very normal desire for someone in **BAR 12**'s circumstances and I feel he has been particularly honest about it. How much he is prepared or willing to accept the guidance of others however, is difficult to say. I feel his own needs might tend to over ride his better judgement.

On the whole I felt he was a genuinely caring person who no doubt has offered **HIA 516** some very positive help.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Project Leader



Barnardo's

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
BAR12
[REDACTED]

Dear **BAR12**

Further to our meeting on Wednesday, [REDACTED] to discuss your relationship with **HIA516** in Macedon, I would like to confirm that both the Eastern Health & Social Services Board and Barnardo's are prepared to agree to its continuing, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that you are prepared to accept the guidance of Macedon staff as to the frequency, nature and length of time you spend with **HIA516**
- (2) that you accept their decisions as to the value of presents and amounts of money you give to **HIA516**
- (3) that you discuss with them where you are going to take **HIA516** on your days out, and for how long.

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

However, it is also fair to say that we do believe that within the appropriate context, as discussed at the meeting, there does exist the potential for **HIA516** to derive benefit from the relationship.

Yours sincerely,

BAR 111

BAR 111
[REDACTED]

C.C.
[REDACTED]



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BAR12

[REDACTED]

Dear HIA516

Further to our discussion on [REDACTED] in connection with your contact with HIA516 at Sharonmore. I note that you felt unable to accept the conditions which we considered should govern this relationship in the future, and that you have decided to terminate it from now.

Consequent to this, the Eastern Health and Social Services Board has also decided that HIA516's best long-term interest would be served by ending the contact. As I indicated, the Board has full parental responsibilities for this family, in the form of Fit Person Orders, and have therefore the right to make whatever decisions of this nature which they think proper.

Although it has been agreed that you should have no further contact with HIA516 or with the Unit, by visit, letter or telephone, I understand that you wish to recover some property of your within the Unit. If you would care to telephone me at this number I shall be happy to deal with this.

Yours sincerely,

BAR 111

BAR 111

Copies to:

[REDACTED]

Dear **BAR1**

I am writing to inform you that you are required to attend a disciplinary hearing as part of the Barnardo's Disciplinary Procedure at the Divisional

The grounds upon which this disciplinary hearing is being held are:-

1. That despite previous disciplinary interviews on [redacted] and [redacted] which were followed by a period of intensive and supportive supervision by Senior Staff at Sharnbrook, and further our agreement to your request for a transfer to Tara Lodge, you have been unable to achieve a satisfactory level of professional performance in your caring functions at Windsor Avenue, Macdonald/Sharnbrook and Tara Lodge.
2. That contrary to Barnardo's Care and Control Policy you hit a child at Tara Lodge, with a slipper, on [redacted]

Further details of the Disciplinary Procedure are set out in your copy of Staff Notes, and I particularly draw your attention to the fact that you have the right to bring a friend to the hearing. If you wish to avail yourself of this right, please indicate your intention to do so by completing the appropriate part of the second copy of this letter, which I would be grateful if you could sign and return to me.

Yours sincerely,

BAR79

BAR79
[redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of this letter and will attend this hearing.

*I intend to exercise my right to bring a friend to the hearing. The name of the friend is _____

*I do not intend to bring a friend to this hearing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Delete as appropriate.

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