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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, 24th March 2015

commencing at 10.00 am

(Day 104)

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

1 Tuesday, 24th March 2015

2 (10.00 am)

3 (Proceedings delayed)

4 (10.40 am)

5 Summary of evidence of WITNESS HIA10

6 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Can I just  
7 before we start remind everyone yet again that mobile  
8 phones are to be switched off or at the very least put  
9 on "Silent"/"Vibrate", and that no photography is  
10 permitted anywhere within the Inquiry chamber or indeed  
11 on the Inquiry premises, nor is any recording permitted.

12 Today we will have at least one statement which will  
13 be read out and, as on previous occasions, I want to  
14 underline that where a statement is read out the Inquiry  
15 proceeds upon the presumption that that individual  
16 wishes to maintain the anonymity that has been granted  
17 to them.

18 Mr Aiken.

19 MR AIKEN: Chairman, Members of the Panel, good morning.

20 The first witness I am going to deal with today is  
21 HIA10, originally HIA10, who is "HIA10". She is unable  
22 to attend to give oral evidence to the Inquiry for  
23 medical reasons and an explanation that the Inquiry has  
24 accepted. As you have just said, Chairman, the Inquiry  
25 makes the assumption that she wishes to preserve the

1           anonymity that the Inquiry has afforded to her.

2           She makes a series of allegations against various  
3           individuals. One of those individuals, NL114, who is  
4           "NL114", is represented before the Inquiry this morning  
5           and she will be giving evidence later today. I will ask  
6           Mr Shields of counsel to give his appearance on behalf  
7           of NL114.

8   MR SHIELDS: Chairman, Members of the Panel, I appear on  
9           behalf of that witness. My name is Shields and I am  
10          instructed by Mrs Pauline McKenna of McKenna, Lavery &  
11          Co. Solicitors.

12   CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr Shields.

13   MR AIKEN: For the record if I can just say again publicly,  
14          Members of the Panel, that all the names that we use  
15          either this morning while a read-out is taking place or  
16          during evidence should not be reported or mentioned  
17          beyond the chamber in the context of the evidence the  
18          Inquiry is hearing.

19          The Inquiry statement that HIA10 has made, if we can  
20          bring up, please, 747, and the final page can be found  
21          at 753. Obviously the page that appears on the screen  
22          is in redacted form, but the Panel members will have  
23          a signed copy of her statement, and I can confirm that  
24          I also have a signed copy of the statement that she has  
25          made to the Inquiry.

1           In addition to her Inquiry statement there are  
2           a number of core documents that I am going to draw to  
3           the Panel's attention and I will make reference to at  
4           various points this morning.

5           The first is a police statement that she made on  
6           23rd August of 1995. That police statement can be found  
7           at 60785 and 6.

8           Then there is a statement that she made to the  
9           Compensation Agency when beginning an criminal injury  
10          claim on 5th September 2007, and that statement can be  
11          found at 30006.

12          Then on 21st May of 2010 HIA10 made a further  
13          statement to the police and that statement can be found  
14          at 62066 through to 62070.

15          I will open some of the content of those documents  
16          at relevant points this morning.

17          In addition, there are six statements from the  
18          Sisters of Nazareth congregation that are relevant to  
19          this witness.

20          There is a general response statement, which can be  
21          found at 2089 through to 2091.

22          There then is a witness statement from SR29, who was  
23          formerly SR29, who is mentioned by HIA10, and her  
24          statement can be found at 1881.

25          There is a statement from SR46, which can found at

1 SNB-2131 through to 2133, and the Panel may recall  
2 having heard from SR46 on Day 93 of the Inquiry's public  
3 hearings on 10th February of this year.

4 Then there is a statement from SR148, who is another  
5 nun mentioned by HIA10, and her statement can be found  
6 at SNB-2153.

7 Then there is a statement on behalf of SR2, who is  
8 not fit to make a replying statement, and that can be  
9 found at SNB-2177.

10 Then, finally, there is a statement from SR205,  
11 which can be found at SNB-2191 through to 2193. She  
12 explains her recollections of looking after HIA10, and  
13 it may be that her statement will be of interest to the  
14 Panel for wider reasons.

15 Then beyond the Sisters of Nazareth statements that  
16 are relevant to HIA10 the Health & Social Care Board  
17 have filed a statement, which is at 6003 to 6004. Now  
18 that statement recognised that was likely that the  
19 Eastern Board for reasons that I will show to the Panel  
20 shortly would have had involvement in the care of HIA10,  
21 but they could not find the file that would have existed  
22 in respect of her, and therefore the statement is short  
23 and is not in a position to explain the involvement that  
24 there may have been on behalf of the Eastern Board.  
25 That position has changed overnight in that there is

1        what appears to be a copy, although not necessarily  
2        a complete copy, of HIA10's social work file in a police  
3        investigation file, and that has been drawn to the  
4        attention of the Health & Social Care Board, who are, in  
5        addition to looking at that material, going to continue  
6        to see if there are any means of finding the file that  
7        did exist at some point, and also an additional  
8        statement dealing with the content of that material,  
9        some of which I will briefly open to the Panel this  
10       morning, which does give a thorough chronology of social  
11       work involvement in HIA10's care, will be formalised  
12       into a further replying statement from the Health &  
13       Social Care Board now that they are aware of that  
14       material.

15            In addition to the Health & Social Care Board  
16       statement then there are two replying statements from  
17       two individuals against whom allegations have been made  
18       by HIA10 and whom the Inquiry has been able to trace.

19            The first is NL114. You are aware she is  
20       represented this morning. Her statement can be found at  
21       80095 through 80098. When I come to deal with the  
22       allegations in respect of her in terms of HIA10's  
23       evidence I will indicate to you that, as NL114 will be  
24       giving evidence later today, I will deal with most of  
25       that material through her.

1           There is then a replying statement from NL14, who  
2           also faces an allegation from HIA10, and his replying  
3           statement is at 80099 through 80100.

4           Now, having said all of that, Members of the Panel,  
5           by way of background HIA10 was born on                   .  
6           She is now aged 46. It appears, if we can bring up,  
7           please, 62297, that on 14th July 1977, when she would  
8           have been aged 9, a Place of Safety Order was obtained  
9           by the Eastern Health & Social Services Board and HIA10  
10          was then placed in it is recorded as St. Joseph's  
11          Babies' Home, but it is likely to have been Nazareth  
12          House.

13          That accords with the register entry that the  
14          congregation provided to the Inquiry yesterday. If we  
15          can look at 4563, we did have a copy at an earlier  
16          point, but this version gives more detail as to the  
17          admission, and you can see from the bottom entry that on  
18          1st September 1977 HIA10 was admitted to Nazareth Lodge.  
19          That was at the request of the Eastern Health & Social  
20          Services Board. You can see that the named social  
21          worker involved in that placement is a                   ,  
22          which is a name familiar to the Panel in respect of  
23          other matters.

24          You can see that it appears from this record that  
25          she stayed in Nazareth Lodge until 5th January 1980,

1       which would have been before her 12th birthday. At that  
2       point it appears she was discharged to the care of the  
3       Eastern Health Board's social worker.

4             If we can look, please, at 4565, this is the  
5       discharge book. You can see in the top right the date  
6       of 5th January 1980, and a social worker, NL205  
7       NL205 , is signing for receiving "her charges", as she  
8       describes them, and that's NL87, sister of HIA10, and  
9       HIA10. This was for the purposes of a fostering  
10      arrangement that had been organised for HIA10. We can  
11      see that at 62319, please.

12   CHAIRMAN: Just before we leave that --

13   MR AIKEN: Just stay where we are at, please.

14   CHAIRMAN: -- on the screen I see in the bottom left-hand  
15      corner a reference to items which presumably were taken  
16      into her care by NL205 :  
17      "Medical cards, bank books",  
18      which would suggest that some money was in a bank  
19      account for the child --

20   MR AIKEN: Yes.

21   CHAIRMAN: -- as well as:

22      "2 sets of clothing."

23   MR AIKEN: Yes. 62319, please. This is a social work entry  
24      of 5th January 1980 explaining that the discharge from  
25      Nazareth Lodge was to prospective foster parents, and



1       again their names won't be used beyond the chamber, and  
2       there's reference to the three sisters being involved in  
3       this potential arrangement.

4             The congregation has provided an extract from what  
5       I call the narrative register that explains the  
6       background as to how this coming into the lodge came  
7       about.  If we can look, please, at 4564, this explains  
8       that the -- unfortunately HIA10's mother had deserted  
9       them, as the word was used at the time, the parents  
10      having been separated, and she moved to England, and the  
11      children were left in the care of HIA10's grandmother,  
12      who -- after she passed away a friend took on  
13      responsibility for the girls, and when that was no  
14      longer capable of being sustained, then you can see on  
15      the second page:

16            "It was decided by the Health & Social Services that  
17      the need for consistent handling and a structured  
18      environment necessitated their admission to care."

19            You will be aware from having read HIA10's statement  
20      and the material surrounding it that she does not recall  
21      social work visits specific to her, but the material --  
22      and I am just going to show you these briefly as  
23      an example.

24            If we look, please, at 62306, these are Eastern  
25      Health & Social Service Board progress reports.  You

1 will have seen the type of this material before. If we  
2 just scroll down to the bottom of the document, you can  
3 see SR46 is the person at that stage responsible for  
4 HIA10, and then you can see the series of dates that the  
5 social worker is saying not only that she attended or he  
6 attended, but you will see from the narrative just above  
7 the date box that an underlining indicates a child being  
8 seen.

9 Then accompanying this first sheet when one moves  
10 through -- and I am just going to use this as an example  
11 -- if we move through to the next page, please, 62307,  
12 you then have a narrative as to the progress of HIA10  
13 during her time that's covered by this report.

14 Then if we move through to the next page, please,  
15 and you will see it said:

16 "HIA10 is keen to do well and doing well."

17 What is reflected, if I can put it this way, through  
18 the social work reports, not all of which I am going to  
19 open, but which I have looked at, it shows that there  
20 was a continuing difficulty for HIA10 in that her mother  
21 would make contact and then that contact would not be  
22 sustained, and that caused a significant degree of  
23 distress on an ongoing basis.

24 In view of the allegations that are made about SR46  
25 if we can look, please, at 62300, SR46 has explained to

1 the Inquiry that she would have been responsible for  
2 HIA10 during her first period in Nazareth Lodge, so the  
3 period up to HIA10 leaving on the foster placement in  
4 January 1980. You can see this is a case review that's  
5 taking place in January 1979 and the various personnel  
6 who are present at the meeting along with SR46 and then  
7 SR63 . They discuss future options for HIA10.

8 If we can look, please, at 623... -- if we just move  
9 on to the next page, please, for a moment, you can then  
10 see a narrative being recorded, and these documents --  
11 in view of the difficulty there has been seeing material  
12 kept by the congregation on children, this is an example  
13 it appears of that taking place.

14 If we just scroll up just slightly for me, you can  
15 see that the author of this is said to be Nazareth  
16 Lodge, Ravenhill Road, Belfast. Then it is described as  
17 an "Internal Case Review". So it appears to be  
18 a document that was being prepared by those working in  
19 the home as opposed to a Social Services document being  
20 provided to the congregation. If we just scroll down  
21 it, contains basic information about the family and then  
22 some summary information about what contact there has  
23 been with family members.

24 Then if we scroll down to the next page, please, the  
25 narrative continues. It may be there are unfortunately

1 some pages missing in some of these documents, but it  
2 records the contact that there has been with the family  
3 that originally took HIA10 and her sisters on after the  
4 death of her grandmother.

5 If we can look, please, at 62309, this is a similar  
6 document in terms of the progress report. Again if we  
7 just scroll down, please, to the bottom, we can see that  
8 this really relates to mid-1979 and it records the  
9 occasions whenever social workers were said to have seen  
10 HIA10, and then if we scroll on to the next page, you  
11 get narrative as to how she is getting on:

12 "... very well with all the children in the group.  
13 Very motherly and kind to the younger children."

14 Records a particular friend she has; how she's  
15 getting on at a particular school that she's at.

16 "Enjoys Guides and is the sporty one of the sisters,  
17 usually winning them in races that they have in the  
18 park."

19 If we just scroll down, please, there is reference  
20 then to the situation with her mother and then the  
21 consideration of the approved foster parents. So you  
22 can see that this was not a scenario of a voluntary  
23 foster parent arrangement that the congregation might  
24 have been responsible for. It appears from this record  
25 as an example to have been something that was

1 Board-approved, and we can see that:

2 "HIA10 is keen to be fostered and looking forward to  
3 that taking place."

4 Then if we move on to the next page, please, we can  
5 see that that's a trainee social worker that has  
6 completed a report. In fact, the Christian name of that  
7 social worker does appear in HIA10's own statement.

8 These type of case reviews happen every six months.  
9 So those reports are available. In fact, the last one  
10 just showing just before the foster placement begins, if  
11 we look at 62313, this is another case review and it  
12 shows who is present. So again SR46 is present when it  
13 is taking place and discussion is had about family  
14 members.

15 If we move on to the next page, please, and there  
16 then follows -- if we look at 62315, with the same -- we  
17 have a progress report on HIA10 herself, and reference  
18 is made to family contact or outside contact beyond the  
19 home, the other children, how she's getting on, her  
20 health, her education. Scroll down, please. She is  
21 described by -- you can see it is signed by SR46:

22 "All three girls enjoyed their day at school in  
23 and they would like to move there immediately.  
24 Their only worry is about visiting their uncle and  
25 brothers ..."

1           So the general report is that:

2           "She is a very pleasant, affectionate girl, inclined  
3           to be light-fingered at times, but she eventually owns  
4           up. She is maturing well."

5           There similarly then is a social work report from  
6           December '79 at 62316, please, from which again you can  
7           see, if we just scroll down, the level of contact that  
8           there has been said to be in the months leading up to  
9           '79.

10          Now, as I indicated, she remained in Nazareth Lodge  
11          until January 1980. As the Chairman was noting, the  
12          reference to the discharge, it appears if we look at  
13          62259, that when being released or discharged, the Board  
14          organise a medical examination. So this is of 2nd  
15          January 1980. It is three days before the discharge,  
16          and you can see the two sisters who were initially  
17          moving out on the foster placement:

18          "These children have been examined by me today and  
19          are physically fit at the time of the inspection."

20          I am not going to bring them up, but the Panel is  
21          aware that there is other records of medical inspections  
22          taking place during the period of HIA10's time both in  
23          Nazareth House -- Nazareth Lodge and then when she  
24          leaves, and in particular I'm going to draw attention to  
25          the Panel, but I am not going to bring up on the screen,

1 pages 62260, which record medical inspections and give  
2 the dates of them, and also at 62261, which is a more  
3 typical clinical note that appears to have been  
4 maintained both before the foster placement and then  
5 after her return to Nazareth Lodge in 1982, which we are  
6 going come to when the foster placement broke down.

7 The foster placement broke down and she returned at  
8 the request of the Eastern Health & Social Services  
9 Board on 9th March 1982, aged 13.

10 If we can look, please, at 4010, we can see  
11 a re-admission register entry, which again is at the  
12 behest of the Eastern Health & Social Services Board.  
13 You can see the date she is received back is  
14 9th March 1982 and she remains there until 30th April  
15 1985.

16 What is also relevant to the Inquiry is at the time  
17 of the re-admission, if we look, please, at 62269, HIA10  
18 had the opportunity to see an educational psychologist  
19 and the educational psychologist then prepares a report.  
20 There is particular reference to the school she would  
21 like to go to, but the psychologist felt that there was  
22 scope for her actually going to St. Monica's and was  
23 keen for that to be attempted. In fact, in the material  
24 which I am not going to open there is a record from  
25 St. Monica's showing the scoring that was obtained.

1           In December 1982, if we can just look at 62279,  
2           please, this is further case review that's taking place.  
3           If we scroll down to the bottom, you can again see the  
4           extent of the engagement that the social worker is said  
5           to have. You can see that at this point it is no longer  
6           SR46's group that HIA10 is in. It is SR205, and SR205  
7           has made a statement to the Inquiry, which will be of  
8           interest to the Panel, but it also -- the social work  
9           material records, as does HIA10 in her statement, that  
10          she had a very good relationship with SR205, who was  
11          herself qualified -- qualified in social care, but the  
12          document does show that the Social Services continued to  
13          visit.

14          If we scroll down to the next page -- just move down  
15          to the bottom, please -- you can see that that is  
16          something that was continuing through 1982.

17          In November 1983 the case review report, if we can  
18          just turn up 62292, it's a lengthy document which I'm  
19          not going to go through in detail, but what I want to  
20          draw to the Panel's attention is that while there were  
21          minor difficulties in school, on the whole HIA10 is  
22          coping quite well. You can see the reference I made to  
23          the difficulty with communication from HIA10's mother in  
24          paragraph 3 and in paragraph 4 then the types of  
25          interests that are engaged in.



1           If we move through, please, on to the next page,  
2           this is a record that I will return to, because you will  
3           see particular reference here:

4           "HIA10 is now settled with SR2 after her  
5           disappointment over SR29", who is SR29, "being  
6           transferred so quickly. She only was with her for  
7           a period of two months. She was upset over the sudden  
8           communication from her mother."

9           Then the social worker,                         , and SR2 working  
10          with her, allowed that to be managed.

11          What I want to show to the Panel, because I think it  
12          is the first time the Panel will have seen material of  
13          this type, if we look, please, at 62324, I am not going  
14          to dwell on any of the entries, but this appears to be  
15          the first example that I have seen of a handwritten  
16          record being kept which appears to be like a daily log.  
17          If we just can scroll through the next seven pages,  
18          please, so that the form of this can be -- we have  
19          a problem with the -- the page is upside down,  
20          unfortunately, but it begins in January '84. Just keep  
21          going, please. You can see that it is a daily log of  
22          what HIA10 in her case has been doing and contact that  
23          has taken place that relates to her. So it demonstrates  
24          that at some point at a date that the Inquiry can't yet  
25          establish a practice had begun in Nazareth Lodge of

1 keeping a daily record of important events for  
2 a particular child.

3 If we can look, please, at a report of May 1984 at  
4 62286, you can see again, if we scroll down, please --  
5 this is from May 1984 -- you can see the visits. Now  
6 SR2 is the person who is in charge of the group that  
7 HIA10 is in, but you can see the extent of social work  
8 contact that is said to be taking place.

9 If we scroll on to the next page, please, again you  
10 can see what is said about the progression that HIA10 is  
11 making, and her relationship with staff is said to be  
12 very good.

13 "The younger staff she accepts as equals, yet  
14 recognises their authority. She can be rebellious when  
15 taken to task over her friendships, but is very quick to  
16 recognise when she is wrong and equally quick to  
17 apologise. She is very popular with her peers."

18 She has now we can see left school and working  
19 part-time in Nazareth House as a care attendant. That's  
20 with the elderly in Nazareth House. You can see the  
21 difficulty in relation to her mother then towards the  
22 bottom of the page.

23 You can see it is said in this report, which, of  
24 course, is prepared by the Eastern Board, not by the  
25 congregation, that:

1           "HIA10 is happy in Nazareth Lodge and as yet does  
2 not wish to move on to a hostel. SR2 reports that  
3 Nazareth Lodge are in the process of establishing an  
4 independent flatlet and HIA10 would be considered for  
5 this. HIA10 relates well to all the staff and is  
6 a favourite with the younger children. She has no  
7 contact with her sisters."

8           If we just scroll down, please, on to the next page,  
9 which sets out that this is authored by NL 206 ,  
10 the social worker. Now obviously this type of report  
11 the Panel then have to set alongside the Inquiry  
12 statement from HIA10, who is describing her time in  
13 Nazareth Lodge in very different terms.

14           In November 1984 there is a report from -- if we can  
15 look, please, at 62273 -- from SR2 in respect of HIA10.  
16 So you can see the type of recording that was now taking  
17 place by this point in time at least in respect of this  
18 individual. References at the moment about how she has  
19 developed. She has a keen interest in boys and the  
20 number available are described and reference is made to  
21 the fact that:

22           "... having made a friend with a 16-year-old, which  
23 saw the end of a connection to a 23-year-old, about whom  
24 we were all a bit concerned."

25           You can see:

1 "HIA10 is very domesticated and can do most things  
2 for herself.

3 Quite happy with her job in Nazareth House, but  
4 would prefer to work with children."

5 You can see the -- she is described as being:

6 "Always helpful and assumes she will be well  
7 received ...

8 ... well liked and accepted by other children."

9 If we just scroll further down, please, you can see  
10 this is a record maintained by \_\_\_\_\_, who  
11 was an assistant houseparent, and SR2, senior  
12 houseparent. By this point in November 1984 HIA10 is  
13 now 16. She remained then in the home until April 1985  
14 when, still aged 16, she left.

15 I have taken the Panel to those references and  
16 opened at least in short form some of the social work  
17 material that's available and obviously the Panel have  
18 the opportunity to consider that in detail.

19 One then comes to look at the Inquiry statement from  
20 HIA10. If we can go back, please, to what she says  
21 about SR46. You will recall that HIA10 has two periods  
22 in Nazareth Lodge. The first one is between 1977 and  
23 January 1980 and SR46 was looking after her at that  
24 time. If we can go, please, to 748, and scroll down,  
25 please, paragraph 7 HIA10 says to the Inquiry SR46 was

1 the worst nun. She remembers when she was in mass and  
2 fainted. She didn't like the smell of incense. SR46  
3 shouted at her and nipped her arm for fainting in mass.

4 "She also had a ruler strap, a brown leather ruler  
5 with white stitching, which she", HIA10 says, "hit us  
6 with. If she wanted to hit you, she would grab anything  
7 that was nearby. We were also hit with bamboo canes.  
8 The nuns favoured the children of families who had money  
9 and the families who appreciate how their children were  
10 looked after."

11 Then if we move down to paragraph 13, please, at  
12 750, she recalls one occasion whenever she ran away with  
13 her sisters. She was found. The police brought her  
14 back. SR46 held her by the neck with her arm and beat  
15 her with a metal spatula. She describes how her sister  
16 NL87 tried to stop that happening.

17 Now obviously from the material that's presently  
18 available it doesn't appear these events were discussed  
19 with the social worker who was in contact with HIA10,  
20 but they did form a police statement that HIA10 made in  
21 August of 1995. If we can bring up, please, 60785.  
22 This was a statement that was taken as part of Operation  
23 the Panel are now familiar with, which began as  
24 an investigation into Rubane and then extended out to  
25 include an investigation into Nazareth Lodge. It

1 appears potentially around 600 children were spoken to  
2 about their time in Nazareth Lodge. HIA10 was one of  
3 those. At the time she is making this statement in 1995  
4 she is 27 years old.

5 She sets out the background of her time in Nazareth  
6 Lodge. She complains about SR46:

7 "While I was in Nazareth Lodge, SR46 physically  
8 abused me. She used to beat me with a soup ladle."

9 That will be the entry that we referred to in  
10 paragraph 13 of the Inquiry statement:

11 "I ran away one time and was brought back. She beat  
12 me severely with kitchen utensils."

13 Then she goes on to talk about NL150 and NL114,  
14 which I will come back to. If you just scroll down,  
15 please, you can see in passing the last line of the  
16 statement, to which I will return.

17 So that was the statement made by HIA10 in August of  
18 1995.

19 Now SR46 was interviewed in June of 1996 as part of  
20 what was file 28 of 41 of Overview. That file  
21 consisted of I believe seven individuals who made  
22 allegations against SR46. The interview begins at 60218  
23 and it runs across several pages, but in the interview,  
24 if we just look, please, at 60218, she is being asked at  
25 this point -- the interview obviously covers a lot more

1 individuals -- but in respect of HIA10, if we just  
2 scroll down, please, the grounding -- just keep going,  
3 please -- who she was and her sisters, is engaged in.

4 Then the allegation is put to her about using a soup  
5 ladle and kitchen utensils, having run away, and having  
6 locked her in a room for punishment. Just scroll down,  
7 please. SR46 says:

8 "No way."

9 She said there weren't keys to lock the bedrooms:

10 "She wouldn't have been locked in her room.

11 She wouldn't have been beaten."

12 Clarification sought:

13 "Q. Is that beaten per se or is that beaten with --  
14 using an instrument?

15 **A. Either way", SR46 says. "If someone had**  
16 **misbehaved", she explains, "there would have been**  
17 **a withdrawal of privileges, maybe miss your night out**  
18 **with the youth club, maybe go to your room and read for**  
19 **a while, basically a withdrawal of privileges or maybe**  
20 **earlier to bed one night.**

21 Q. No physical punishment at all?"

22 SR46 says:

23 "No, there wasn't."

24 She is asked:

25 Q. [Was there] no occasion that you would -- you

1 would either beat this child or any other child with  
2 an instrument?

3 A. No.

4 Q. When I say an instrument, I mean a kitchen  
5 utensil is what we are talking about.

6 A. No."

7 Then it moves on to discuss others. Now you will be  
8 aware from SR46's evidence that there was one occasion  
9 whenever there was a reference to the [name redacted]  
10 family and a slipper being used and discussion about  
11 that, but SR46 is saying in respect of HIA10 at no stage  
12 did she hit her in the way that is described, which at  
13 that point is the use of the kitchen utensil for running  
14 away.

15 Now those allegations were then repeated and  
16 augmented in May of 2010. If we can look, please, at  
17 62066, 21st May 2010 is the police statement from HIA10,  
18 and if we just scroll down, please, she talks about:

19 "... SR46 and other staff clapping their hands,  
20 shouting for us all to get up, pulling our duvets off  
21 our beds. If I didn't get up that moment, SR46 and her  
22 staff would grab or pinch hard on to either my ear lobe,  
23 maybe a bit of my hair or my legs or arms and pull me  
24 out of my bed. It would be very painful, especially on  
25 my ears. SR46 knew that I suffered with my ears.



1 I would fall on to the floor ... body part that was  
2 pulled on was either bruised or bleeding at times ...  
3 went to the other -- went to the bathroom with other  
4 girls and got cleaned up."

5 There is then reference to NL114, which we will come  
6 back to.

7 If you scroll down, please, reference is then made  
8 to life generally and to SR46 patrolling at canteen time  
9 and making people eat. Scroll down, please. Reference  
10 to bathing and saying that SR46 would have scrubbed her  
11 whole body with a wooden scrubbing brush while in the  
12 bath and how the skin would be red raw, sometimes  
13 bleeding after that. She says:

14 "One time SR46 scrubbed me in the bath with a yard  
15 brush with hard bristles, which left my skin red and  
16 bleeding."

17 Scroll down, please. She says:

18 "I remember SR46 brought me into the kitchen on our  
19 floor and starting hitting me with a metal cooking  
20 spatula which she grabbed off the kitchen wall ... hit  
21 me more than ten times hard with the spatula on my back  
22 and the back of my legs."

23 Her sister intervened and she said that left her  
24 back sore.

25 On another occasion during this time she was taken

1 by SR46 in the lift to the ground floor. Scroll down,  
2 please. Taken to the parlour and reference then to  
3 Father Brendan Smyth, to which we'll come back. The  
4 suggestion that SR46 took her to Father Brendan Smyth.

5 I should have said it was part of file 28 of  
6 Operation . The DPP directed no prosecution in  
7 respect of SR46, and you saw that whenever she was  
8 giving her evidence, but she was interviewed again in  
9 the aftermath of this police statement and that  
10 interview took place on 23rd May 2012.

11 If we just look, please, at 61639, you can see  
12 that -- unfortunately the transcript of the interview is  
13 not available, but what appears here is that various  
14 additional allegations are put to SR46 and she denied  
15 that those things happened.

16 In December 2012, if we look, please, at 70221, the  
17 DPP directed -- you will see this was addressed to SR46,  
18 SR46 -- that there was going to be no prosecution in  
19 respect of the additional matters that resulted in her  
20 being interviewed in May of 2012.

21 HIA10 then makes allegations against NL114 in  
22 paragraphs 8 and 9 of her statement at 749. Just bring  
23 those up momentarily, please. There are some in  
24 addition to these two paragraphs in the previous police  
25 statements which we have looked at for other reasons.

1       There are other allegations that are made and I will  
2       deal with those with NL114 in the -- who has provided  
3       a replying statement, as I said, which is at 80095  
4       through to 80098.

5             Just in summary form she was also interviewed in  
6       1995 as a result of the -- 1996 as a result of the  
7       statement that was made by HIA10 in 1995 and she denied  
8       the allegations. So we will look at that with HIA10  
9       later today.

10            She also makes allegations in the same  
11       paragraph about NL150. That's NL150. You will recall  
12       in the 1995 police statement, if we just look at it so  
13       that what I am saying is clear, if we look at 6085,  
14       please, and at the bottom of the page you will see if we  
15       scroll down, please, having talked about the utensils  
16       used by SR46, she then says:

17            "NL150, who was a member of staff, used to slap me  
18       about the face and NL114, another member of staff, used  
19       to do the same."

20            Now that allegation resulted in what became file 40  
21       of 41 of Operation            into NL150 or NL150. She  
22       married NL14, who also faces an allegation by HIA10, and  
23       file 40 of Operation Overview runs from 60782 through to  
24       60799.

25            I am not going to go through the detail of the

1 interview, but NL150 was interviewed on 18th April 1996.  
2 The interview runs from 60788 through to 60800, and she  
3 explains that she was, in fact, brought up in Nazareth  
4 Lodge and after a few years in England returned to work  
5 in the home between 1977 and 1980. She said to the  
6 police that she had a good relationship with the  
7 children and denied ever hitting NL114 (sic). As I said  
8 to the Inquiry, and I will show this when dealing with  
9 NL114, there were 600 children spoken to as part of the  
10 investigation into Nazareth Lodge in 1995/1996, and this  
11 is the only complaint that appears to have been made  
12 against NL150 or NL150. What I will say to the Panel is  
13 because the allegation is there, the Inquiry has  
14 endeavoured to trace NL150, who is no longer in  
15 a relationship with NL14, and that has not yet proved  
16 successful.

17 I should say that the police provided the file to  
18 the DPP, and if we look at 60800, the DPP directed that  
19 there should be no prosecution in respect of NL150 or  
20 NL150.

21 NL14 then faces an allegation from HIA10 at  
22 paragraph 10, if we can look, please, at 749 in the  
23 Inquiry statement, and I am subject to correction as we  
24 piece this together, Members of the Panel, but I don't  
25 believe this allegation was made in any of the police

1 statements, but if we scroll down to paragraph 10, HIA10  
2 explains how she came to be in contact with NL14 and  
3 what she says that he did in terms of touching her.

4 NL14 faces a number of allegations, including that  
5 made by HIA10. He has provided a replying statement.  
6 If we could look, please, at 80099 and just to the  
7 bottom of the page, please -- and again no names should  
8 be disclosed beyond the chamber -- he says:

9 "In relation to the specific allegations made  
10 against me I wish to assert the following. In relation  
11 to the statement of HIA10, I know there were three [name  
12 redacted] sisters in Nazareth Lodge", which is correct,  
13 "but I had no contact whatsoever with any of them. I  
14 did not at any time go up to Nazareth Lodge with sweets.  
15 I never at any time got any of the children to rub my  
16 shoulders or feet. I never played with anyone's hair or  
17 rubbed my hands down their back or round their front.  
18 I never tickled or pretended to tickle any of the  
19 children or felt their chest accidentally or  
20 intentionally. I deny each of the allegations made  
21 against me by HIA10. They are false and I have no idea  
22 why she has made them."

23 So that is what he has had to say to the Inquiry and  
24 he will in due course be asked to give evidence, because  
25 there are a number of other matters that the Inquiry

1 wishes to ask him about.

2 In paragraph 12 of HIA10's statement, if we can  
3 look, please, at 750, you can see that she explains to  
4 the Inquiry that she remembers SR46 once bringing her to  
5 meet Father Brendan Smyth. She doesn't know what age,  
6 but she was younger than 11. So that will be her first  
7 period in Nazareth Lodge.

8 "... took me to one of the visitors' rooms and then  
9 into another room where Father Brendan Smyth was, told  
10 him my name and then left."

11 She remembers humbug sweets.

12 "... sat me on his knee."

13 She goes on to describe then the touching that she  
14 says he engaged in. She said:

15 "I know it was Father Brendan Smyth, because  
16 I remember him. I don't know how long I was there in  
17 the room. I don't remember being brought to see him  
18 again."

19 So she is saying it is one occasion and it's  
20 inappropriate sexual assault that he is engaged in by  
21 touching her.

22 Now the Inquiry obviously has gathered material from  
23 various sources and in the police statement of  
24 23rd August 1995, if we just look, please, at 60786 --  
25 and, as I said to you, HIA10 at this point would have

1       been 27 years old -- she says to the Inquiry -- said to  
2       the police at that time:

3               "I do not recall a priest by the name of Father  
4       Brendan Smyth."

5               Now in addition in 2007, in September of 2007, HIA10  
6       began a criminal injuries compensation claim. If we can  
7       look, please, at 30018, I am not going to open what is  
8       for those of us who have dealt with these things  
9       significantly sized application forms, but you will see  
10      at the bottom, if we just scroll down, please, that it  
11      is signed and dated by HIA10 in September 2007.

12              As part of that form one has to set out what claims  
13      are said to ground the criminal injury. If we look,  
14      please, at 30006, you can see that the claim that is  
15      made is that:

16              "I was systematically abused sexually and groomed  
17      for sex ... forced into intimately touching and giving  
18      oral sex to Father Smyth. I was raped on numerous  
19      occasions. I can remember trivial details like humbugs  
20      being given to me by the priest, but can't remember how  
21      many times I was raped. I would estimate  
22      (conservatively) 10-20 times with other sexual acts  
23      happening about the same number of times. This occurred  
24      over a period of one year."

25              Now obviously that's significantly different from

1 what is said in the Inquiry statement, but on page 4 of  
2 the police statement of 21st May 2010 -- if we can look,  
3 please, at 62066, so you can see that is the first  
4 page of the police statement of 21st May 2010. If we  
5 can move through to the fourth page. Just scroll down,  
6 please, to page 4 of 5. So HIA10 sets out she can  
7 remember being taken to the parlour, where she could see  
8 Father Brendan Smyth sitting to the left-hand side of  
9 the table. Humbug sweets. SR46 left the parlour and  
10 closed the door. Father Brendan Smyth called her over.  
11 Then she describes what he is said to have done to her,  
12 which was rubbing her, and that is the extent of the  
13 allegation that is made in the 2010 police statement.

14 Now an allegation then -- if we look at paragraph  
15 15, please, at 751, you can see that HIA10 refers to  
16 having been readmitted then post the fostering placement  
17 breaking down at the age of 13, readmitted to Nazareth  
18 Lodge and placed in a different group. The reference is  
19 -- she says she was placed in the group SR205 was in  
20 charge of and SR46 wasn't any longer involved. She says  
21 SR205 was brilliant, but then she left, and then she  
22 said she ended up in SR29's group and then SR2's group.

23 "SR29 was always shouting and hitting whoever was in  
24 her sight. SR2 was okay to start with, but very strict.  
25 She would slap you with her hand on your head or your



1 face depending on what way you were standing and what  
2 way she caught you.

3 "When I was 15, she smacked my boyfriend at the time  
4 on the backside. I met my boyfriend at a disco in  
5 Nazareth Lodge. SR148 was also rough and would slap  
6 you."

7 Now the Inquiry has the statements from SR29, SR148  
8 and SR205. I am not going to open those now, but what  
9 I am going to do is draw the Panel's attention to some  
10 of the social work material which is relevant to the  
11 Panel's assessment of this issue.

12 If we look, please, at 62278, this is an entry in  
13 the social work material of August 1983, and it is  
14 recorded -- if we just scroll down a little, please, so  
15 you can see that the author is the social worker  
16 NL 206 -- and you can see that it is said:

17 "HIA10 was very unhappy when SR205 was transferred.  
18 It was a very sudden transfer and HIA10 had no  
19 preparation for the feeling of loss she experienced, nor  
20 for the depth of her emotions, as she normally functions  
21 at a very superficial level. She appears to have  
22 settled very well with SR29, but for a fortnight she was  
23 very unhappy and unsettled."

24 Then in November 1983 a similar report, please,  
25 62293. You can see that:

1 "HIA10 has now settled with SR2 after her  
2 disappointment over SR29 being transferred so quickly."

3 So there may be a different issue in there about  
4 continuity of staff, but in terms of the allegation that  
5 is made the social worker at the time is recording that  
6 it is now SR2 and, in fact, HIA10 was disappointed that  
7 SR29 was being transferred.

8 These allegations that are made against this group  
9 of post-fostering nuns, if I can put it that way, don't  
10 appear to have been made to the police in 1995 or indeed  
11 in the 2010 police statement. In fact, if we can just  
12 look, please, at 61278 -- just scroll down, please -- we  
13 can see that -- just scroll down a little further -- she  
14 describes going back to Nazareth Lodge at 13.

15 "... placed in another building controlled by SR205.  
16 Never had any real problems at this time. I did not get  
17 abused by SR205 or her staff. I eventually left  
18 Nazareth Lodge. My complaint is directed towards SR46,  
19 NL150 and NL114, who all mistreated me physically and  
20 emotionally between '77 and '79."

21 Just scroll down, please. So there is no complaint  
22 made to the police in 19... -- in 2010 in respect of the  
23 group of nuns that I have just mentioned. In fact, you  
24 are aware from paragraph 23 of HIA10's statement that  
25 she credits SR2 with having got her a job in the care

1 home, which is consistent with the Social Services'  
2 record that recorded that development.

3 Just one other matter that I need to bring to the  
4 Panel's attention in respect of the criminal injury  
5 claim, because it contained the serious allegations  
6 against Father Brendan Smyth. As I said, that claim was  
7 initiated in September '07. The reference for that is  
8 30018. It alleged very serious sexual abuse, which is  
9 at 30006.

10 Now if we look, please, at 30027, for those involved  
11 in this type of work the customary approach from the  
12 Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme or the  
13 Compensation Agency, or there might be someone pursued  
14 other than the State, as it were, by way of civil  
15 remedy, then the Agency will encourage that to be done.  
16 You can see in this letter in February 2008 that the  
17 Agency were encouraging HIA10 to pursue a civil claim,  
18 because:

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Then that seems to be what happens. A firm is  
retained. I am not going to bring up the reference, but

1 the Panel have access to the material at 30036. In  
2 October 2011 then her solicitors wrote indicating that  
3 the matter was not proceeding, and in August 2012, if we  
4 look, please, at 30043, she contacted the Compensation  
5 Agency and asked them to destroy her file. In  
6 October 2012, if we look at 30046, please, the Agency  
7 reply that the matter was treated as withdrawn, but it  
8 was not possible for the file to be destroyed.

9 As I said, the allegations that HIA10 makes against  
10 NL114 I will deal with through NL114's evidence. Unless  
11 I can assist the Inquiry any further, that's the  
12 material I propose to draw to the Panel's attention  
13 about HIA10.

14 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

15 MR AIKEN: I think Ms. Smith is probably in a position to  
16 take the next witness shortly, to allow me time to speak  
17 to NL114, but if we took a short break perhaps to allow  
18 that to be arranged.

19 CHAIRMAN: Yes. We will rise for a few minutes.

20 (11.45 am)

21 (Short break)

22 (11.55 am)

23 WITNESS NL180 (called)

24 MS SMITH: Morning, Chairman, Panel Members. Our next  
25 witness today is NL180. He is "NL180". NL180 wishes to

1 affirm and he also wishes to take the benefit of the  
2 anonymity afforded to him by the Inquiry, Chairman.

3 WITNESS NL180 (affirmed)

4 CHAIRMAN: Please sit down, NL180.

5 **A. Thank you.**

6 **Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY**

7 MS SMITH: NL180, just before I come to your evidence I just  
8 want to outline to the Panel where some documents are --

9 **A. Okay.**

10 Q. -- in respect of your evidence.

11 There is -- there are two statements which NL180 has  
12 provided to the Inquiry. They can be found at SNB-6083  
13 to 6085 and 6227 to 6228.

14 NL180's involvement was as a social worker for  
15 a child whose evidence I summarised to the Inquiry and  
16 that is "HIA210". I will just refer to him as HIA210.  
17 HIA210's statement can be found at SNB-598 to 604.

18 Now, NL180, first of all, can I just confirm that  
19 you are now in the  
20 Health & Social Care Trust?

21 **A. That's correct.**

22 Q. But you qualified as a social worker back in 1981?

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. I was asking you, when I was speaking to you earlier,  
25 just what was involved in obtaining your qualification?

1 **A. Yes. It's an Honour's degree in Social Work, a Bachelor**  
2 **of Arts, and it also -- attached to it was the**  
3 **Certificate of Qualification in Social Work and it was**  
4 **a four-year course.**

5 Q. You were telling that was based at Jordanstown.

6 **A. Yes, at the Polytechnic I think it was then.**

7 Q. During that four-year degree course did you engage in  
8 placements?

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. Were --

11 **A. Sorry. Go ahead.**

12 Q. Were any of those placements children's homes?

13 **A. None in children's homes, but I was attached to the**  
14 **NSPCC.**

15 Q. You didn't have -- you did talk about a residential  
16 placement.

17 **A. Yes.**

18 Q. That was for people with learning difficulties. Is that  
19 correct?

20 **A. Yes, it was.**

21 Q. Now paragraph 16 of your statement you say that during  
22 your time in childcare your contact with Nazareth Lodge  
23 was very limited, and you gave a second statement, which  
24 is at SNB-6227 -- sorry. Can we call up, first of all,  
25 the two statements? 6083, please. Can I just ask you,

1 NL180, if you would have a look through this statement,  
2 and if we go to the last page, which is 6085 --

3 **A. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. -- can you confirm this is the first statement that you  
5 provided to the Inquiry and that you signed the  
6 statement on the last page there on 23rd January --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. 2015?

9 **A. -- yes, I did.**

10 Q. Then your second statement is at 6227. If we just  
11 scroll down through that and on to the second page, you  
12 signed that on 5th February 2015?

13 **A. Yes, I did. That's correct.**

14 Q. In the second statement here, NL180, you are relating  
15 the fact that there was a family with whom you were  
16 engaged as their social worker and you did place them in  
17 Nazareth Lodge following the breakdown of a foster  
18 placement.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. You describe it here as being for a short term and the  
21 family were not Catholic. So it was not the best option  
22 for them in any event.

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. But that was your only involvement with Nazareth Lodge.  
25 Is that correct?

1 **A. Yes, with a direct placement.**

2 Q. Can I just ask you what your impressions were of the  
3 home when you placed this family there, albeit for  
4 a short period?

5 **A. The care that the children received seemed to be very  
6 good. Certainly there was no issues raised by either  
7 the family of the children or the children themselves,  
8 though quite young.**

9 Q. Can I just ask what age those children were?

10 **A. I think they were around 2 and 4.**

11 Q. So they were really quite young --

12 **A. They were quite young.**

13 Q. -- and probably now don't even remember the fact that  
14 they were there?

15 **A. Probably not.**

16 Q. Do you remember were there lay staff or just religious  
17 staff in the home?

18 **A. I think there were lay staff as well as religious.**

19 Q. And can you remember who you would have had contact  
20 with?

21 **A. No. I'm sorry. I can't remember the names.**

22 Q. I was asking you could you recall how long that family  
23 were there and you think it was just a matter of weeks,  
24 if not up to about a month. Is that right?

25 **A. Yes, I think that was right.**



1 Q. That was the only contact you yourself ever had with  
2 either of the two homes run by the Sisters of Nazareth  
3 in Belfast?

4 **A. Yes. They were actually outside of the North and West  
5 area in which I was employed.**

6 Q. You did, however, have some contact with other  
7 residential homes. Isn't that correct?

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

9 Q. I wonder if could you tell us a little bit about those.  
10 You said there was a girls' borstal that you recall.

11 **A. Yes. The young female child who was placed in it  
12 following I think some criminal activity, and also St.  
13 Patrick's Training School, I would have had contact with  
14 it, and then the statutory homes, some of them.**

15 Q. I think you mentioned Sharonmore, which was run by  
16 Barnardo's.

17 **A. That's right. It was slightly different. It was  
18 a fairly new home at the time and their attitude in  
19 there was very child-centred. It seemed to have  
20 a different approach, more working with the child to try  
21 and achieve better outcomes.**

22 Q. Am I correct in my understanding that it was for older  
23 children, for young teenagers, Sharonmore?

24 **A. It was, yes.**

25 Q. You have described the criminal justice homes, the

1 girls' borstal and St. Pat's. You also had some contact  
2 with De La Salle home in Kircubbin in Rubane. Isn't  
3 that right?

4 **A. That's correct. That was through HIA210.**

5 Q. I'm going to come on to HIA210.

6 **A. Okay. Sorry.**

7 Q. You were assigned to be his social worker.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. That came about really in 1984, early 1984. Would that  
10 be about right?

11 **A. Yes, that's about ...**

12 Q. If my reading of the social work material in relation to  
13 HIA210 is correct, he had been placed in a foster home  
14 and that foster placement broke down.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. You were involved with him when he was with that foster  
17 parent?

18 **A. I was, yes.**

19 Q. And after that broke down you then took him to  
20 Kircubbin?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. I think he might have been in Adelaide Children's Home  
23 at one point.

24 **A. I think that came after Rubane. I think that was a move**  
25 **afterwards.**

1 Q. Do you remember -- he said in his statement that was  
2 provided to the Inquiry that he was bullied in Rubane.  
3 Did he ever complain to you about that?

4 **A. I don't remember him complaining. I certainly remember**  
5 **a change in his attitude and, you know, sort of a sort**  
6 **of like a hardening of him. So that could be explained**  
7 **by bullying, but I don't remember him telling me that.**

8 Q. You mention I think somewhere in the social work papers  
9 that, in fact, you felt he was trying to fit in with  
10 these boys --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- in Rubane and he had had his hair shaved, for example  
13 --

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. -- in an attempt to do that.

16 **A. Uh-huh.**

17 Q. Now you were, as I say, his social worker from 1984. In  
18 paragraphs 2 and 6 of your original statement, which is  
19 at 6083, you weren't just HIA210's social worker; you  
20 were also his brother NL 204 social worker. Isn't  
21 that correct?

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

23 Q. NL 204 had been placed in a very settled foster  
24 environment --

25 **A. Yes, he had.**

1 Q. -- but HIA210 had more difficulty in getting his  
2 ultimate foster placement. You have described here how  
3 you came to be involved there in paragraphs 4 -- 2, 3,  
4 4, 5 and 6.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. You say in January 1984 HIA210 was placed with a very  
7 experienced foster family.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. I am going to use the name, but we have a policy that  
10 that name is not to be used -- in fact, there is  
11 an order it is not to be used -- outside this room.

12 That was Mr and Mrs **NL 188**

13 CHAIRMAN: This statement will be redacted before it appears  
14 on our website.

15 MS SMITH: Yes, it will, Chairman.

16 Mr and Mrs **NL 188** took HIA210 on initially  
17 a short-term fostering placement. The aim was to  
18 prepare him for long-term fostering.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. Then there was an incident involving him breaking into  
21 a school, which was resulted in him being sent to  
22 St. Patrick's Training School.

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

24 Q. The **NL 188** visited him while he was there and  
25 ultimately he returned to them and they applied to take

1 him on a long-term foster basis --

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. -- and that was ultimately approved. Now there's court  
4 report which we can just have a quick look at at 42214  
5 through to 42219. Can I just ask: did you prepare this  
6 report at all?

7 **A. I'm not sure. It's --**

8 Q. It doesn't seem -- if we just scroll right down through  
9 it, please, it sets out the background here of HIA210  
10 and his family. Then there's a placement with a lady.

11 **A. , yes.**

12 Q. That is the placement that broke down.

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. I should pause to say at various stages HIA210 was sent  
15 to a special school.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. You say then there is the placement at St. -- sorry. If  
18 we can just scroll back up again, please, just the last  
19 page there:

20 "The placement at De La Salle" --

21 **A. Uh-huh.**

22 Q. -- "was seen to be of a temporary nature. It was hoped  
23 another foster placement could be found for him and he  
24 wished to be fostered."

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. In fact, he was giving some orders as to who he wanted  
2 to be fostered with by the looks of that, and:

3 "While initially it appeared that he had settled  
4 quite well into De La Salle, within a few weeks HIA210  
5 began to express concerns as to his future."

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. It's recorded here that:

8 "He appeared to be the subject of bullying by other  
9 boys in the home. A significant deterioration in both  
10 his appearance and behaviour was noticed by myself."

11 So this is suggesting to me --

12 **A. That looks to be mine.**

13 Q. -- that this is a report by you?

14 **A. Yes, it does.**

15 Q. "Just after his admission he changed from a neat  
16 appearance to adopting the skinhead style in an effort  
17 on his part to be like the other boys in the home, and  
18 it appeared that this placement was not really suited to  
19 HIA210's needs. If this deterioration was allowed to  
20 continue, then HIA210 may have become unfosterable and  
21 therefore permanently placed in De La Salle or another  
22 institution."

23 Then he was placed in Adelaide Park.

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. The placement is short-term. If we could just scroll on

1 down, there's evidence of worrying behaviour on his  
2 part, and during this time he is expressing distrust of  
3 social workers generally. If we can scroll on down,  
4 staff at Adelaide Park felt that they couldn't deal with  
5 him.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. So there were only two options: St. Pat's or short-term  
8 foster parents. That is when he goes to short-term  
9 foster care with the NL 188 in January 1984.

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. He initially settled well. Then his education is  
12 discussed in the next section. Then if we can scroll on  
13 down, it talks about his behaviour in the foster home.

14 **A. Uh-huh.**

15 Q. Scroll on down again, please. Then there's a breakdown  
16 of the foster placement, which talks about the break-in  
17 at the --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- where a lot of damage is caused and HIA210 was  
20 removed and placed into St. Pat's Training School --

21 **A. Uh-huh, yes.**

22 Q. -- as it was the only option available. Scroll on down  
23 the next page, please. Then the events since the  
24 placement in St. Pat's are related there, and if we can  
25 just go down to the conclusion and the recommendations.

1 We don't seem to have the last page of the  
2 recommendations, but essentially it is being recommended  
3 that an Interim Training school Order be granted with  
4 the prospect of him hopefully returning to Mr and  
5 Mrs NL 188 , as they had considered applying to become  
6 his full-time foster parents, which is ultimately what  
7 happened.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. Now if we look at 422... -- sorry. There's -- at 42231  
10 this is a report that was provided by Mr and  
11 Mrs NL 188 for Social Services and, in fact, for the  
12 court about HIA210 and his time in the home. We can see  
13 from this the very detailed report and the commitment  
14 that the NL 188 have given to fostering HIA210. If  
15 we can just scroll down to just -- we can see it says:

16 "Recently ..."

17 just about perhaps ten lines up. Yes. If we  
18 could just highlight from there on down, please. It  
19 says:

20 "Recently" --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- "HIA210 has been having nightmares. He shouts and  
23 talks in his sleep, wakes with a sweating brow and  
24 appears to be unaware of his surroundings. It is  
25 impossible to understand what he is saying. Only once



1 or twice could we hear him calling to be allowed out.  
2 He started through us talking about his own childhood  
3 experiences to tell some of the incidents that happened  
4 when he was in Nazareth Lodge. He received beatings, as  
5 did the other children, including his brother, NL 204  
6 They told their social worker about one of these and  
7 after she spoke to SR 62 (the housemother) they were  
8 brought to the office and told that they had deserved  
9 the beating. After the social worker left both boys  
10 were put into a bath of cold water. He talks about  
11 being locked in a cleaning cupboard and on one occasion  
12 he was locked in the bathroom in the dark all night.  
13 When asked whether or not he was frightened by this  
14 HIA210's answer was, 'No. Well, not really'. We feel  
15 perhaps in the close environment of a children's home  
16 HIA210 hid his reactions to many of these because of  
17 bravado. He cannot tell exactly why they were beaten.  
18 Perhaps he was never told. He relates stories about  
19 children's parties held by organisations and toys and  
20 presents being given to them. One such gift was  
21 a holster and gun, which SR 62 took off HIA210 and he  
22 never saw them again. We feel that perhaps these  
23 disturbing incidents are the cause of HIA210's  
24 nightmares. We feel along with the social worker -- we  
25 along with the social worker are trying to build up

1 a fuller picture of these events in an attempt to help  
2 him cope with his past."

3 Now Mr and Mrs NL 188 reported these nightmares to  
4 you.

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. You then came to interview HIA210.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. You talk about this in paragraph 7 of your statement,  
9 6084.

10 **A. Uh-huh.**

11 Q. You say that you interviewed him in the presence of his  
12 foster parents and he made a number of allegations which  
13 constituted abuse.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Now in your statement you say "being snatched", but  
16 that's an error. It should be "being smacked".

17 **A. It's "being smacked", yes.**

18 Q. "... struck with implements such as a vacuum cleaner  
19 pipe. I had noted at the time that this may have  
20 provided some explanation as to the nightmares that he  
21 was experiencing."

22 I think we can see the interview at 42200 or your  
23 note of the interview with HIA210. Can I just ask you  
24 to confirm, NL180, that this is actually the memo that  
25 you wrote on your interview with HIA210? If we can just

1 scroll down to the bottom, I think you have actually --

2 **A. I think -- yes, that is.**

3 Q. -- not actually signed it, but you've certainly typed  
4 the signature on it.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. It is dated November 1984, and it says:

7 "During this month HIA210 was interviewed with  
8 regard to his experiences in Nazareth Lodge. This was  
9 necessary after HIA210 began to have nightmares and at  
10 night woke up in a disoriented state, not knowing where  
11 he was. His nightmares woke the other members of the  
12 family, who heard him shout in his sleep. He discussed  
13 some of these nightmares with Mrs **NL 188** and began to  
14 describe the treatment he received whilst in Nazareth  
15 Lodge. It would appear from HIA210's description that  
16 he regularly received beatings from the nun in charge of  
17 his group, **SR 62** These he claimed would be with  
18 whatever implement would be at hand, that is, a stick  
19 and on one occasion a vacuum cleaner pipe."

20 When we were talking earlier, you said to me this  
21 vacuum cleaner pipe particularly stuck in your mind --

22 **A. It did.**

23 Q. -- as something he told you.

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. "Apparently the vacuum cheaper pipe was used on one

1 occasion when HIA210 was in a hurry to finish his chores  
2 and go out and play. It would seem that he was not  
3 completing the task to **SR 62** satisfaction and she hit  
4 him with the vacuum cleaner pipe. He claimed that on  
5 one occasion **SR 62** split his brother's head open and it  
6 required stitches. At the time of one of these  
7 incidents the social worker involved was informed of a  
8 beating, according to HIA210. The social worker spoke  
9 with **SR 62**. Both boys were then brought to the office  
10 and told that they had deserved the beatings. After the  
11 social worker left both boys were put in a bath of cold  
12 water as a punishment for informing the social worker.  
13 On another occasion HIA210 claimed that he was locked in  
14 a bathroom overnight without lights (both the lock and  
15 the light switch were on the outside of the bathroom).

16 A darkened cupboard was also used for similar  
17 punishments. Another incident HIA210 found very  
18 disturbing has been described by him in two ways. At  
19 one time a child was murdered and mutilated in Ormeau  
20 Park (the killer apparently was never captured). In his  
21 description to the foster parents he was told of the  
22 incident in a threatening manner. However, in his  
23 description to me he claimed that **SR 62** was warning them  
24 to be careful. HIA210 said that other members of staff  
25 also beat the children. One in particular was forced to

1 leave after a fight with another member of staff in  
2 which she threatened to throw hot chip fat round the  
3 other member of staff.

4 HIA210's view was that on the whole he did not  
5 deserve most of these beatings and that they were more  
6 severe than necessary. If these incidents are, in fact,  
7 true, it would give us a further insight into HIA210's  
8 behaviour."

9 Now in your statement you say that, having listened  
10 to HIA210, you believed there was some substance to the  
11 allegations that he was making, NL180.

12 **A. Yes, I did.**

13 Q. Can I ask why you felt that?

14 **A. When HIA210 was telling me about the actual incidents as**  
15 **they -- that had happened, he seemed to relive part of**  
16 **them. He also was I think generally an honest child.**  
17 **He wasn't one that could create elaborate deceptions,**  
18 **and I do feel that in this instance he was telling the**  
19 **truth, and sitting face-to-face with him, that was my**  
20 **belief.**

21 Q. You were saying -- we were talking about the type of  
22 child that he was earlier.

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. You mentioned the fact he ended up in a special school.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. He got in trouble clearly by breaking into this ,  
2 which led him to go to St. Pat's. There was another  
3 incident which you don't have a memory of, but there's  
4 certainly a court report in respect of another incident  
5 where he and another ex-Nazareth Lodge boy ended up  
6 causing damage by graffiti on the in  
7 Belfast.

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. The NL 188 insisted that HIA210 make good the damage  
10 that he had caused.

11 **A. Uh-huh.**

12 Q. I was asking you if he was the type of child who might  
13 be easily led.

14 **A. HIA210 would have been very easily led.**

15 Q. Paragraph 10 in your statement you describe that, having  
16 received these allegations from HIA210, your next step  
17 was to raise that with your senior social worker --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- who was NL191.

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

21 Q. We will hear from her later in the week.

22 **A. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. You and she both interviewed HIA210 on  
24 21st February 1985. We can see her report, which is  
25 dated 11th April 1985, and that's at 31519, please. Can

1 I just confirm that -- she talks in this, as we will  
2 see, first of all, about the interview with HIA210 with  
3 his foster parent and yourself.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. "... regarding the recent allegations that HIA210 has  
6 been making about the way he was treated while in  
7 Nazareth Lodge. HIA210 has particularly bad memories of  
8 being locked in a cupboard for 4 to 5 hours as a means  
9 of punishment by both a member of staff called NL66 and  
10 **SR 62** He said that he remembers that there was no  
11 light in this cupboard. He also said that he was hit  
12 with the brush poles as a means of punishment. He  
13 described an incident concerning another child with whom  
14 he was in the unit. According to HIA210, on one  
15 occasion NL97 was pushed against a sink and banged his  
16 head. He had two black eyes as a result of this and was  
17 not brought to hospital for treatment. He said that  
18 NL97 was kept off school for about two to three weeks.

19 HIA210 said that he had told his social worker,  
20 NL190, about being hit on one occasion by **SR 62** with  
21 a stick, but the social worker said he believed -- the  
22 social worker, he said, believed **SR 62**. (I contacted  
23 HIA210's previous social worker, NL190, nee NL190, about  
24 this allegation. She said that HIA210 never told her  
25 about being hit and she never saw any signs of either

1 HIA210 or NL 204 who is HIA210's brother --

2 **A. Uh-huh.**

3 Q. -- "being punished inappropriately while she was  
4 visiting them in Nazareth Lodge.) On another occasion  
5 HIA210 remembers being hit and having a very sore arm  
6 and shoulder. HIA210 claims that SR 62 would have used  
7 anything she could get her hands on to hit the children  
8 with. On one occasion he said that NL 204 got hit with  
9 a hose pipe of a vacuum cleaner. HIA210 also said that  
10 he remembers being punched on the nose because he didn't  
11 want to go to his classes. Another form  
12 of punishment which HIA210 described to me vividly was  
13 being locked in a bathroom all night long. He also  
14 remembers being put into cold baths.

15 HIA210 said he remembers when he was about 6 or 7  
16 going out to a family, with whom he was to be  
17 fostered. had bought him a bike for  
18 Christmas, and when he brought it back to Nazareth  
19 Lodge, it was taken off him and he never saw it again.  
20 HIA210 also said that the children in the unit were  
21 threatened that if they misbehaved, that a man who had  
22 abducted and murdered a young boy from the Ormeau Park  
23 would get them also."

24 Now can you remember interviewing HIA210 with NL191?

25 **A. Yes, yes.**



1 Q. Her note of that interview, is that consistent with what  
2 you remember about it?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. Then she says:

5 "On 3rd April '85 I interviewed HIA210's brother  
6 NL 204 with regard to the allegations that HIA210 had  
7 made."

8 Now it is not clear from this note, but you also  
9 were present during this interview with NL 204

10 **A. I believe I was, yes.**

11 Q. She said:

12 NL 204 had difficulty remembering who was in the  
13 unit with him and along with his brother the other  
14 children he remembers were NL56 and NL57. He has  
15 no memories of being moved to Nazareth Lodge. He  
16 remembered NL66, who he described as okay. He then said  
17 she was good and kind to him. I asked him if he had  
18 ever remembered being hit by either NL66 or SR 62 He  
19 said that sometimes he would have got smacked around the  
20 head, although this was never hard. SR 62 he said would  
21 have hit the children with a wooden spoon or slipper.  
22 He denies ever having seen HIA210 being hit. When asked  
23 if he ever remembered seeing NL97 with black eyes, he  
24 said he did, but this occurred when his brother and NL97  
25 were playing Hide and Seek and bumped into each other.

1 When asked about the cupboard which HIA210 describes  
2 being locked into, NL 204 said he remembers being told  
3 to go and stand in it. He also said that he found  
4 HIA210 in this cupboard on one occasion. This cupboard  
5 he said could be opened from both the inside and outside  
6 and was not locked when he found HIA210 in it. He does  
7 remember on one occasion being told to eat soap along  
8 with other children. However, just as he was about to  
9 eat the soap, it was taken off him. NL 204 also  
10 remembers HIA210 having a bike and there were bikes  
11 available for the children to play on."

12 She has date... -- signed and dated that on 11th  
13 April 1985.

14 **A. Yes.**

15 Q. Now that effectively ended your involvement with the  
16 investigation that followed, NL180.

17 **A. Yes, it did.**

18 Q. We know -- and I am not going to go into the details --  
19 but we know that NL191 then elevated it to the Principal  
20 Social Worker, and it then in turn was sent  
21 to the Assistant Director of Social Services, who  
22 liaised with the Department over the matter. The  
23 Inquiry will look at those documents in due course, but  
24 coming back to -- after this happened you continued to  
25 be HIA210's social worker.

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Can I just ask were there -- was there any further  
3 discussion in the office about the complaint, or did  
4 anybody ever advise you as to what was happening with  
5 the complaint, or as far as you were concerned was that  
6 all you knew about it?

7 **A. That is as much as I knew about it. At that stage  
8 HIA210 was out of Nazareth Lodge and our concern was to  
9 try and maintain him within the community within the  
10 best setting that we could. So what actually happened  
11 in Nazareth Lodge I suppose to some extent really wasn't  
12 my concern after it had been reported.**

13 Q. You only recently know from your involvement with the  
14 Inquiry the matter did go right up to the top, as it  
15 were.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Was there any -- you had no involvement apart from the  
18 one incident in Nazareth Lodge. Was there ever any  
19 discussion or were you aware of any other complaints  
20 that had been made about children who had been in  
21 Nazareth Lodge in your section of the board?

22 **A. No, not that I'm aware of.**

23 Q. Coming back to a couple of the general things that --  
24 you mentioned that -- in I think your second statement  
25 that residential homes were seen as the last resort and

1 an interim measure -- sorry -- in your first statement  
2 in the final paragraph of it --

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. -- to allow for the exploration of alternatives. Now we  
5 are talking here in the mid-'80s.

6 **A. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. This was the attitude at that stage. As part of your  
8 training in the four years prior to 1981 and graduating  
9 was that the general view, that these homes were a last  
10 resort?

11 **A. Yes. Certainly in terms of child development it was  
12 felt that the maintenance within a family setting would  
13 be better than going into a group care home setting and  
14 that would certainly have been in the training.**

15 Q. I was asking that -- one of the things that the Inquiry  
16 has been looking at has been when people knew what about  
17 the types of behaviours that children engaged in, first  
18 of all, for example, peer abuse.

19 **A. Yes.**

20 Q. When were you first aware this could be an issue for  
21 children in residential settings?

22 **A. I'm not sure that I was ever made aware there was peer  
23 abuse. There probably was an element of bullying, but  
24 then there were staff there who should have been  
25 protecting the children.**

1 Q. But certainly nothing -- it wasn't part of your  
2 training--

3 **A. No.**

4 Q. -- to look out for instances of peer abuse and that kind  
5 of thing?

6 **A. No.**

7 Q. I was also asking then what training you may have had  
8 with regard generally to child sexual abuse and when  
9 that might have come on to the radar.

10 **A. Yes. Child sexual abuse wouldn't really have been part**  
11 **of my initial training. It came on the radar I suppose**  
12 **or it came to prominence certainly around the mid-'80s,**  
13 **and there were a number of cases that were happening in**  
14 **England -- there was also the Kincora that had happened**  
15 **here -- and there was a number -- as I say, a number of**  
16 **cases in England and I think Orkney where there were**  
17 **issues around child sexual abuse, but the actual -- what**  
18 **you were looking for wasn't terribly clear, because in**  
19 **those instances children were taken into care, but**  
20 **returned home when there was no evidence found to**  
21 **substantiate the allegation I think.**

22 Q. You were saying you felt there was a lot of confusion  
23 around how you could determine whether or not --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- a child was sexually abused at that time. One of the

1 things that you said is in the mid-'80s there was  
2 a shift in emphasis generally within the social work  
3 field --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- and that emphasis was then more on believing when  
6 a child --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- a child when the child complained to Social Services.  
9 Is that right?

10 **A. Very much so, particularly after Kincora, where children**  
11 **I think had made allegations, though again it wasn't in**  
12 **our area, so it's very difficult at that stage to get**  
13 **information, but it looked as though the children**  
14 **weren't believed when they gave information to others,**  
15 **and that changed.**

16 Q. That changed. Every complaint then was treated more  
17 seriously by Social Services?

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. One of the things that you said, that the effect of that  
20 was that some staff who were complained about felt very  
21 wounded and hurt.

22 **A. Yes, because there was then a serious investigation into**  
23 **each incident, no matter how minor it might have**  
24 **appeared, and I think there were a number of staff who**  
25 **were very badly hurt and possibly moved jobs as**

1           **a result.**

2       Q.    There was a -- so if I have got this right -- and please  
3            correct me -- I am not trying to put words into your  
4            mouth -- but if I have got this right, so from  
5            a situation where children's complaints were maybe not  
6            treated terribly seriously the pendulum swung, as it  
7            were, to the opposite end --

8       **A.   Yes.**

9       Q.    -- where every minor complaint was treated --

10      **A.   Yes.**

11     Q.    -- more seriously than it might have needed to be.  Is  
12            that what you are saying?

13     **A.   That seemed to be the case.**

14     Q.    Is it somewhere in the middle that those genuine,  
15            serious complaints may have got lost as a result?

16     **A.   I think there was an opportunity to lose a number of  
17            serious cases that should have been picked up.**

18     Q.    One of the points that you made to me when we were  
19            speaking is that because of this wounded situation that  
20            some social workers felt, that that really meant that  
21            child residential care was not an attractive option for  
22            social workers.

23     **A.   It wasn't at that time, and I think it then became, now  
24            I think about it, a more professionalised service.  Up  
25            to that point not all of the staff would have been**

1           **professionally qualified. There was then an effort to**  
2           **get professional qualification for staff.**

3    Q.   NL180, thank you very much for that. I have no further  
4           questions that I want to put to you, but the Panel  
5           Members may have some questions for you.

6    **A. Thank you.**

7   **Questions from THE PANEL**

8    MR LANE: Just one question. In terms of timescale --

9    **A. Yes.**

10   Q.   -- I think it was November when you were told by HIA210  
11           about the nightmares and these other things, but it was  
12           some months afterwards before you had the discussions  
13           with your senior and so on. How did that work out?

14   **A. I honestly can't remember. I don't have an explanation**  
15           **for the delay at all, but certainly, when looking back,**  
16           **there was a delay, but I don't know why.**

17   Q.   Did you have a concern that similar things might be  
18           going on for other children at the home at the time?

19   **A. I certainly -- I think that, when I raised the issue,**  
20           **that would have been a concern, yes.**

21   Q.   Okay. Thank you.

22   CHAIRMAN: Well, NL180, thank you very much indeed for  
23           coming to help us in relation to this matter. It has  
24           been very useful. Thank you.

25   **A. Thank you.**



1 (Witness withdrew)

2 MS SMITH: Chairman, the remaining witness today is to be  
3 taken by Mr Aiken. I am sure he would appreciate some  
4 time, as I believe he has only just started to consult.

5 CHAIRMAN: Well, we will rise now, ladies and gentlemen. If  
6 we are ready to start within a few minutes, you will be  
7 told. Otherwise it will be 1.30.

8 (12.30 pm)

9 (Lunch adjournment)

10 (1.30 pm)

11 WITNESS NL114 (called)

12 CHAIRMAN: Mr Aiken.

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

14 The next witness today is NL114, who is "NL114", and you  
15 have the appearance of her legal representatives, who  
16 attended this morning when I was dealing with the  
17 evidence of HIA10. NL114 is aware, Chairman, you are  
18 going to ask her to take the oath.

19 WITNESS NL114 (sworn)

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Please sit down, NL114.

21 Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

22 MR AIKEN: If we can bring up on the screen, please, 80095.

23 NL114, this is the first page of your witness statement.  
24 If you just check and make sure it matches the hard copy  
25 that you have.



1 suggested you take a summer job in Nazareth Lodge,  
2 because you were interested in doing a childcare course.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You took that summer job up in the summer of 1977.

5 I was saying to you we know there is a reference  
6 elsewhere to it being '78, but you remember '77 or you  
7 remember the year as being the year died

8 --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- and that was the summer. That was 1977.

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. So you took on that summer placement. You explain to  
13 the Inquiry then that you stayed on. You were asked by  
14 the head nun. You and I were discussing that was likely  
15 to be .

16 **A. SR63 I think.**

17 Q. SR63.

18 **A. SR63.**

19 Q. She asked you to stay on and you did stay on. You were  
20 explaining to me you did a day release course at

21 --

22 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- but you didn't go then and do a year-long, five days  
24 a week course. It was just --

25 **A. Just that one day release.**

1 Q. -- day release. Essentially you were 16 then when you  
2 began working in Nazareth Lodge.

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

4 Q. I was saying to you some of the children there might  
5 have been the same age or potentially older than you.

6 **A. They were. Uh-huh.**

7 Q. You explain to the Inquiry how -- in paragraph 5 of your  
8 statement that the way that the home was structured at  
9 the time you came was initially you mention four  
10 sections, but you think there was five sections, which  
11 I will come to. Four of the sections had a nun in  
12 charge each and then under the nun each section had two  
13 sets of two lay staff --

14 **A. Right.**

15 Q. -- who did two shifts, as it were, to cover the day.

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Your role was -- in the period that we will concentrate  
18 on today between '77 and '80, when you were between the  
19 ages of 16 and 19, it was SR46 was in charge of your  
20 unit.

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

22 Q. You were one of the pair of you and NL150 or NL150 --

23 **A. Uh-huh.**

24 Q. -- and you two worked together as lay staff doing  
25 a shift, and then you recall I think it was

1 and were the other lay staff there who  
2 dealt with your unit.

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

4 Q. The units were quite self-contained in that you looked  
5 after the children that related to your unit, and so it  
6 was for the other sections.

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

8 Q. You explained to me that there was, in fact, a fifth  
9 section --

10 **A. Yes.**

11 Q. -- which was seven children looked after by NL5.

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

13 Q. The Inquiry has heard that name before it before now.  
14 I was asking you, "What was the nickname of that group?"  
15 and you said, "It was known as 'The Whippets'".

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. Can you remember why it was known as "The Whippets"?

18 **A. I think they were -- just in size they were all small  
19 children. I think it was a family of -- I think maybe  
20 four of them as a family, brothers and sisters. I don't  
21 really know what the name -- I never thought of the name  
22 before just.**

23 Q. That was the name that was used?

24 **A. Uh-huh.**

25 Q. You explain to the Inquiry in paragraph 4 you worked in

1 Nazareth Lodge essentially for a decade, for ten years  
2 until you left because of your mother's ill health.

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

4 Q. During your time in Nazareth Lodge there was no  
5 disciplinary things to do with you. You never had any  
6 difficulty --

7 **A. Nothing.**

8 Q. -- at work. You were explaining to me -- and I want to  
9 summarise this without giving the names -- but when you  
10 went home to care for your mother, as a result of  
11 a relation knowing professional people where you lived,  
12 you were asked to begin looking after the children of  
13 a professional couple.

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

15 Q. You spent the next 25 years working for that couple,  
16 caring for their three children.

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

18 Q. After one of the individuals retired, you then began a  
19 similar occupation with another family.

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

21 Q. You are presently looking after their three children.

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

23 Q. You were explaining to me you have done that basically  
24 all of your life, looking after children --

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. -- without a complaint. One of the points you made to  
2 me is that you have never hit a child --

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

4 Q. -- through all of that time.

5 **A. Uh-huh.**

6 Q. I want to take you back, if I can -- I appreciate it is  
7 a long time ago -- take you back to you are 16, going  
8 into Nazareth Lodge, how you found the environment to  
9 be. What was it like?

10 **A. It was friendly, comfortable and happy.**

11 Q. So your experience of the unit that you were in was of  
12 a comfortable environment?

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. You were explaining to me that it had a game -- sitting  
15 room that had games in it?

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

17 Q. Was there a snooker table?

18 **A. There was.**

19 Q. Do you want to just describe for the Panel what  
20 facilities there were for the children by the time you  
21 came to be there in 1977?

22 **A. Well, the children had most -- the older children had  
23 all their own bedrooms, single bedrooms, and they -- the  
24 other -- the younger children might have shared a room,  
25 and they had all their own things in their rooms. They**

1 had their radios and their -- anything -- toys and  
2 everything, you know. Then there was the sitting room  
3 where was the TV room and there was a snooker table in  
4 there, and the study, it was a study, but it was also  
5 a toy room, and when they weren't inside playing, they  
6 were outside playing. They had all big grounds round  
7 the back. We had swings and slides and whatever.

8 Q. You were explaining to me that the meal times, there was  
9 a -- for the main meal there was a different menu each  
10 day.

11 A. There was a different menu lunch and evening meals.  
12 Breakfast, the dining room -- there was the dining room.  
13 It was a beautiful dining room. The children sat down  
14 to cups and saucers and tablecloths. In the mornings  
15 they would have had their -- there was the kitchen. You  
16 made tea and toast in the main kitchen up in that unit  
17 and they had their cereal or whatever they wanted. Then  
18 at lunch time at the weekends, you brought your trolley  
19 down in the lift and you collected your lunch from the  
20 main kitchen downstairs and you brought it up and it was  
21 served out, and at teatime again you went downstairs and  
22 brought -- with your trolley and brought another -- your  
23 evening tea up. Then at bedtime or supper time you made  
24 toast or tea or biscuits or whatever they wanted. There  
25 was always cake or whatever.



1 Q. So there was a central kitchen that was cooking for the  
2 various units, but you brought the food to the canteen  
3 for your unit. Is that right?

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

5 Q. So your group of children -- and you say initially there  
6 would have been about sixteen in your unit -- they would  
7 have sat down for a meal together?

8 **A. That's right.**

9 Q. Then in other parts of the lodge there would have been  
10 the other groups --

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. -- sitting down for their meal?

13 **A. At the same time, yes.**

14 Q. While it was one home, it was now divided into a series  
15 of groups --

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

17 Q. -- and were functioning as separate groups?

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

19 Q. You explain to the Inquiry in paragraph 7 that it was  
20 mainly SR46 during your time, and eventually when SR46  
21 left -- I think she may have left in 1985 -- then SR10  
22 was in charge of your group for --

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

24 Q. Then you left thereafter.

25 **A. Yes.**

1 Q. You also mention that on the floor, as it were, where  
2 your group was based SR156 also had a room.

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. You were explaining to me that the unit where the  
5 children slept, the floor they were on, SR46's room  
6 would have been there.

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. SR156 room would have been there --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- but your room and where NL150 slept was not in that  
11 part of the building.

12 **A. No.**

13 Q. So the lay staff had their own part of the building --

14 **A. Staff quarters.**

15 Q. -- where you went or resided as home, as it were, when  
16 you weren't working in the unit that you came across to?

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

18 Q. I just want -- to the -- we looked this morning --  
19 I think you were present when we were showing some of  
20 the type of material that was being recorded. Can you  
21 remember during your time the record -- were you to keep  
22 records of any kind in respect of the children or was  
23 that something for SR46 to do?

24 **A. That was for SR46.**

25 Q. What type of records can you remember her -- I saw --

1 brought up on the screen, for instance, by '84 there was  
2 like a daily log being kept. Do you remember having any  
3 involvement in that?

4 **A. I don't remember. It was more case review work that**  
5 **SR46 would have done. When children's case reviews were**  
6 **coming up, SR46 would have done the work for that. Us**  
7 **staff didn't do any written work.**

8 Q. So you didn't yourself. There wasn't a book for --

9 **A. There was later in SR10's group, but I don't remember in**  
10 **SR46's group you had that.**

11 Q. So post-1985 your memory connected to SR10 is of a book  
12 per child being kept?

13 **A. There was a diary kept, yes.**

14 Q. Diary, but prior to that it was more SR46 preparing the  
15 case reviews?

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

17 Q. Then did you ever attend the six-monthly reviews --

18 **A. No.**

19 Q. -- with the social workers coming in?

20 **A. No. The staff didn't. It was just SR46.**

21 Q. In terms of -- you are working in a children's unit with  
22 sixteen children, some of whom had obviously difficult  
23 backgrounds and might have brought with them all sorts  
24 of difficulties that you had to manage. How was -- how  
25 did you communicate? SR46 presumably isn't there all

1 the time when you're there. How did the means of  
2 communicating --

3 **A. SR46 would have been there all the time.**

4 Q. So she was there --

5 **A. She was on the ground. She was there all the time.**

6 Q. How did information flow then between you and SR46 and  
7 you and the other pair who were coming on shift after  
8 you? How did you make sure that they -- the handover,  
9 as it were, how did that happen?

10 **A. Well, there was never a handover. There was never --**  
11 **just the two members of staff, the first two came on at**  
12 **7.30 in the morning, and I think one might have went off**  
13 **at 3.30 and one might have stayed to 1.00 I think. I am**  
14 **not exactly sure of the times, but there was never**  
15 **a handover.**

16 Q. So there was always a continuity of the two -- the other  
17 team, as it were, were crossing over with you --

18 **A. Yes.**

19 Q. -- but there was an overlap?

20 **A. But it wasn't -- it wasn't always those two that worked**  
21 **together. Four girls. You worked different -- it**  
22 **wasn't always NL150 and me that worked together and the**  
23 **other two girls. You worked along with the other two**  
24 **girls. The four of us did shifts with each other.**

25 Q. So they crossed over with each other then?

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

2 Q. So there was continuity of persons on the ground?

3 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

4 Q. Can you remember whenever you were -- the case reviews  
5 were being prepared, were you asked, "Well, what can you  
6 tell me about X or Y?" Did you feed into in any way --

7 **A. We had nothing to do with the case reviews. Just the  
8 social worker -- I think they went on -- I think it  
9 might -- I am not sure where it took place. It might  
10 have been downstairs and us staff never went to case  
11 reviews.**

12 Q. How were difficulties managed? When things occurred,  
13 some child out of line, doing something they shouldn't  
14 be doing or having run away, how were problems -- what  
15 was the chain of command? Were you supposed to deal  
16 with it yourself? Were you to bring it to SR46?

17 **A. Usually you brought it to SR46, and it just was maybe  
18 an early night, or if it was during the day, you were in  
19 the playroom, which was the study. Sometimes it is  
20 called the playroom. Sometimes it is called the study.**

21 Q. So that was -- in modern times it might be described as  
22 a time out.

23 **A. Yes.**

24 Q. You were made stay somewhere for a period of time until  
25 --

1    **A.**    At that time -- well, maybe the playroom at study time,  
2            homeworks would have been going on at the same time in  
3            there during the day.  So you would just -- maybe it was  
4            in the sitting room they were misbehaving or something.  
5            You would just say, "Well, go into the study" or "the  
6            playroom", as it was called.  There was a member --  
7            there was another nun there, SR2, doing homeworks at the  
8            same time.

9    Q.    Your memory of your time working in Nazareth Lodge is  
10          a positive memory --

11   **A.**    **Yes.**

12   Q.    -- of having good relationships with the children and  
13          enjoying working there?

14   **A.**    **I did.  Uh-huh.**

15   Q.    You made the point to the Inquiry in your statement that  
16          you don't remember ever -- never mind you not hitting  
17          children; you don't remember being aware of anyone else  
18          doing that.

19   **A.**    **I've never been aware, no.**

20   Q.    I was asking you about Father Brendan Smyth and him  
21          being in Nazareth Lodge.  You were explaining to me that  
22          you only recollect one occasion seeing that man and you  
23          didn't realise who he was until probably the TV reports  
24          in the 1990s, when you remember being at home down where  
25          you live and seeing his face on television and saying,

1 "That's ..." Do you just want to explain to the Panel  
2 the one occasion you remember him?

3 **A. Well, how I remember Father Smyth was because I think it**  
4 **was the same priest that always said mass in Nazareth**  
5 **Lodge on a Sunday, and this particular Sunday I went to**  
6 **mass and I fainted in the chapel that Sunday, and**  
7 **I don't take milk in my tea, and this is how I remember**  
8 **it so clearly. When I came downstairs, one of the**  
9 **nuns -- I don't know which nun it was -- made me a cup**  
10 **of tea and she put milk and sugar in my tea. There was**  
11 **a snooker table in the sitting room and I could see this**  
12 **priest. The priest after mass -- after saying mass**  
13 **would come down and do all the units, you know, just in**  
14 **and out and that was all, just passing through, and this**  
15 **particular Sunday this priest, and I could see him just**  
16 **standing at the snooker table. That's all. Even that**  
17 **day I didn't know him by name or anything. I didn't**  
18 **know he was Father Smyth. I just knew he was**  
19 **a different priest, and I never seen or heard of that**  
20 **man before or after until I seen his picture on the TV.**

21 Q. So he was never a subject of discussion with you --

22 **A. Never, no.**

23 Q. -- during your time working in the home?

24 **A. Never heard his name mentioned before.**

25 Q. The only time you can remember him is that occasion that

1 sticks in your mind about the snooker table?

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

3 Q. Now what I want to do now, NL114, is to look at the  
4 allegations that have come to the Inquiry's attention  
5 relating to you.

6 **A. Okay.**

7 Q. What I am going to look at first is Operation  
8 which took place, a major police investigation into  
9 originally Rubane House in Kircubbin and thereafter also  
10 Nazareth Lodge in and around 1995/1996.

11 File 37 of 41 related to you and I am just going to  
12 give the Panel the reference. It runs from 60735 to  
13 60781. If we can bring up, please, 60739, because --  
14 just to set the context of this, the police were  
15 describing -- just maximise the top of the page for me:

16 "These complaints came about as a result of police  
17 interviewing past residents of Nazareth Lodge Children's  
18 Home, residents over a 20-year period. Approximately  
19 650 residents have been interviewed and no other  
20 complaints have been made against NL114."

21 So that indicates there was a significant number of  
22 children who had been through Nazareth Lodge who were  
23 interviewed or spoken to, and you are aware from our  
24 discussion that of the number that were spoken to, three  
25 of them made complaints about you.



1           One of those three is HIA10, as you knew her, HIA10,  
2           who is the one who came forward to the Inquiry to repeat  
3           and augment her complaint, and I will come back to that.

4           As part of the investigation that was taking place  
5           in '95 and '96 then you were then interviewed on two  
6           occasions, on 17th April '96 and then again on 22nd July  
7           1996. What I am going to do is just look at the first  
8           two complaints that you were then interviewed about in  
9           April of '96.

10           The first complaint was brought by NL91. It is  
11           clear through the police interview you could remember  
12           two sisters [name redacted], NL92 and NL93, but you  
13           had no memory of NL91.

14   **A. That's right.**

15   Q. It seems that it was not drawn to your attention, having  
16       read the interview, that NL91 had changed her name. She  
17       was originally NL91.

18   **A. Uh-huh.**

19   Q. That is a name that you recollect?

20   **A. That's right.**

21   Q. She was the third sister of the [name redacted] --

22   **A. Yes.**

23   Q. -- three sisters and they were in your group?

24   **A. That's right.**

25   Q. NL91 made a statement to the police on 18th May 1995.

1 It runs from 60740 through to 60742. She was in the  
2 home between 1978 and 1980. So during the period you  
3 were 17 to 19 she was between the ages of 5 and 7  
4 approximately. So she was the youngest of the three  
5 children. She alleges that you slapped her across the  
6 face, put her into a cup... -- put her out into  
7 a corridor as punishment for something that happened,  
8 put her in a sewing cupboard and also routinely checked  
9 her underwear when she came in from school to see if  
10 they were wet.

11 So that was the first set of complaints that were  
12 made by her to the police.

13 Then the second set were made by HIA10 or HIA10, as  
14 she is now, who is "HIA10". She made her statement on  
15 23rd August 1995, which is at 60746 to 60747. I will  
16 come back to what she's had to say to the Inquiry  
17 shortly, but she was in the home initially for the  
18 period that relates to you between '77 and '80. She was  
19 between the ages of 9 and 12. You are between 16 and  
20 19. She was in the home at a later period. She doesn't  
21 seem to have had any involvement with you between '82  
22 and '85.

23 What she alleged is that SR46 would beat her and  
24 would lock her in her room. I wanted to ask you: SR46,  
25 do you have any recollection of her behaving in that way

1 towards either this child or any of the children that  
2 were in your group?

3 **A. I'm not aware of that at all.**

4 Q. Did you ever see SR46 hitting out at the children or  
5 behaving in a way that might be construed as hitting out  
6 at them?

7 **A. No, never.**

8 Q. That just was not how things were done?

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. She I think said in her police interview that she  
11 couldn't lock someone in the room, because there were no  
12 locks on the bedroom doors.

13 **A. The doors were all -- the doors all stayed open. Every**  
14 **morning -- all day the doors were open. Every unit the**  
15 **doors always stayed open.**

16 Q. So you couldn't lock a child's bedroom?

17 **A. No. I don't think there's any locks on the doors, no.**

18 Q. Then what she says about you is just in one line. If we  
19 look at 60747, please, you will see:

20 "NL150, who was a member of staff" -- and this is  
21 the only -- HIA10's complaint is the only complaint  
22 about NL150 or NL150 -- "who was a member of staff, used  
23 to slap me about the face, and NL114, another member of  
24 staff, used to do the same."

25 So the allegation is you used to hit HIA10 round the

1 face. So that's the two sets of allegations. You've  
2 got NL91, which unfortunately was described to you as  
3 NL91 --

4 **A. Uh-huh.**

5 Q. -- and HIA10 or HIA10. You are then interviewed about  
6 those two sets of allegations on 17th April 1996. That  
7 interview goes across 23 pages at 60750 to 60773. I am  
8 just going to summarise the key features. The Panel  
9 have the interview.

10 You said that you hadn't administered nor seen  
11 corporal punishment administered and punishment would  
12 have been sitting in what you described as the study --

13 **A. Yes.**

14 Q. -- or perhaps the withdrawal of privileges of some kind.

15 **A. Yes.**

16 Q. In relation to NL91 or NL91, you denied the allegations  
17 that she made. You said you did remember what might  
18 have been known as a sewing cupboard in SR46's time,  
19 which was a very small room off the fire escape --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- but no-one was ever put into that room.

22 **A. And there was a window in that room.**

23 Q. In addition in terms of stripping clothes, this when she  
24 came in, you checking each day to see whether her  
25 underwear was wet, you said you didn't do that to any

1 child --

2 **A. No, never.**

3 Q. -- and never saw it done.

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

5 Q. You were asked by the police if you recalled hitting  
6 a child. We were discussing this earlier. There's  
7 a section of the interview -- just bring it up, please  
8 -- at 60767 where, if we just scroll up to the  
9 page before:

10 "A. Oh, no. Honestly."

11 You are replying to a suggestion that you had  
12 assaulted them.

13 "A. Oh, no.

14 Q. You wouldn't have hit any of them?

15 **A. I don't think so, no.**

16 Q. Do you ever recall hitting any of them?

17 **A. I might have struck out or something, you know,  
18 a smack or something, never to the face, never in a ..."**

19 **I am not sure what that word should be.**

20 **"You know, all the time. No way.**

21 Q. When you say 'struck out', what would you be  
22 talking about?

23 **A. Och, just ...**

24 Q. Would that have been regular?"

25 I think you were saying to me that that "Och, just

1           ..." was you gesticulating?

2   **A. Yes.**

3   **Q.** Can you explain to the Panel what you were trying to  
4       communicate to the police?

5   **A.** When the policeman asked me about that, I said,  
6       "I've never hit a child in my life". Then the policeman  
7       kept asking me, "Would you have ..." -- I think the --  
8       I don't know where the "struck out" came, but  
9       I explained to the policeman, "Do you mean that?"  
10       (gesturing), where you wouldn't be conscious of telling  
11       a child to go away or something. That's what I meant,  
12       but I've never hit a child. I know I've never hit  
13       a child in my life. So I wouldn't have struck them or  
14       ...

15   **Q.** I think in fairness to you you go on -- at the end of  
16       the interview the policeman comes back to what you  
17       were -- about this point in the interview and I will  
18       come back to that shortly, but when HIA10's allegations  
19       then were put to you, you said you'd never slapped her  
20       about. That never happened. You said that you couldn't  
21       -- towards the end of the interview, you couldn't give  
22       an explanation for why they would make the allegations,  
23       but you drew attention to the fact that you were looking  
24       after three children and never hit them and never did  
25       what was being alleged against you.

1           If we look at 60770, which is I think the point you  
2           were making, that -- this is just at the end of the  
3           interview. It is suggested to you:

4           "Q. Obviously a smack on the bum or something like  
5           that, that's what you're talking about?

6           **A. Never. No punishment or anything ... I've**  
7           **never given out punishment like that.**

8           Q. Well, why would you've hit out there like? What  
9           sort of a scenario are you talking about?

10          **A. I don't know. I don't know. I remember they**  
11          **were put to their rooms just, put to bed early and that**  
12          **was by SR46, but it was just the done thing. If they**  
13          **done something wrong, they were really put to bed early**  
14          **or something like that.**

15          Q. Yes. Whenever you say there -- what I was  
16          trying to get to, whenever you'd hit out for some --

17          **A. I can't even remember hitting out, but I just**  
18          **imagine myself hitting out maybe or something, but I've**  
19          **never stood and slapped a child around the face or strip**  
20          **-- made her strip or anything. No way.**

21          Q. As far as you remember you never made them  
22          strip?

23          **A. No.**

24          Q. As I say, basically what we had to do was these  
25          allegations, that's why we had to interview you.

1           **A. No way."**

2           **The point you are making is that you never --**

3   **A. Never hit a child in my life.**

4   Q. -- hit a child.

5   **A. If I was -- if you went like that or something**  
6           **(gesturing), you wouldn't have been aware of doing it,**  
7           **brushing a child like that or something, but I've never**  
8           **hit a child in all of my life.**

9   Q. As I said to you then, coincidentally -- you had done  
10 that interview on 17th. The following day then the  
11 sister of NL91, NL92, who was the oldest of the three,  
12 made a statement to the police, and that statement is at  
13 60743, of 18th April 1996. She was in the home between  
14 1978 and 1980, so the same as her two sisters. She was  
15 between the ages of 7 and 9.

16           She alleged that SR46 was beating her with a sandal,  
17 amongst other things. I asked you, "Had you ever seen  
18 that?", because I was saying to you that the Panel have  
19 seen a social work record where SR46 accepted that one  
20 night she used a slipper on NL92, but I was asking you,  
21 "Did you ever see SR46 ever using a slipper on ....?"

22   **A. I wasn't aware of it at all.**

23   Q. But in addition to that NL92 claimed that you used to  
24 drag her and her middle sister, NL93, along the floor by  
25 the hair for minor things.



1           You were then interviewed in respect of those  
2           allegations on 22nd July 1996. That interview is five  
3           pages. It runs from 60774 to 60778. You say -- and  
4           I am just going to summarise it -- that you never saw  
5           SR46 hitting the children. You never dragged NL92 or  
6           her sister, NL93, along the floor. You didn't know why  
7           they were making up the allegations, but you never  
8           pulled or hit a child, and you make the point at 60777  
9           that surely some other member of staff would have seen  
10          you doing these things if they were true.

11   **A. That's right, yes.**

12   Q. The investigating officer then, if we look at 60739, he  
13          prepared his file and sent the file off to the DPP, the  
14          Director of Public Prosecutions. Just scroll down,  
15          please. He says:

16                "Due to the nature of the allegation and to the  
17          passage of time I feel there is insufficient evidence to  
18          secure a conviction and accordingly would recommend no  
19          further action."

20                As it turns out, this page is not in the bundle, but  
21          I looked at it last evening. His senior officer then  
22          looked at the papers and he said it was a view he  
23          shared. He described the papers as relating to:

24                "... minor, uncorroborated allegations without  
25          admission of guilt and referring to a period

1 twenty years prior."

2 He too recommended no prosecution.

3 The file then went to the DPP, if we look at 60781,  
4 and on 1st October 1996 the DPP directed there should be  
5 no prosecution in respect of the allegations you faced.  
6 You thought that was the end of it.

7 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. You went on looking after the children of the family  
9 that you worked for for a lengthy period of time. As  
10 you know, HIA10 persisted with her complaints about you.  
11 I am going to come back to those shortly, but what  
12 I want to do, first of all, is just ask you about  
13 an aspect of the Operation , police  
14 investigation of SR46 that took place in 1995 and 1996.  
15 It was in file 28 of 41. That file, Members of the  
16 Panel, runs from 60174 to 60254. It dealt with seven  
17 complaints about SR46.

18 One of those involved a child called NL88  
19 NL88 . I was asking you, "Did you remember NL88 ?"

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

21 Q. You did. She made a statement to the police in July of  
22 1995, which is 60187. If we just bring that up, please,  
23 60187. In the statement she describes being abused by  
24 Father Brendan Smyth. Then if we just scroll through to  
25 the top of the next page, she says:

1 "I knew that this wasn't right and I told SR46 and  
2 NL114 that this was happening to me. I think they said  
3 something like, 'Stay away from him'."

4 This was something that was never -- the police  
5 didn't draw this to your attention when they interviewed  
6 you and you had never heard of it --

7 **A. Never.**

8 Q. -- until you were dealing with these papers and speaking  
9 to me about it.

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

11 Q. SR46 was interviewed by police on 19th June 1996 and  
12 this part of the allegations were dealt with at 60211  
13 through to 60217. What she said was she did recall

14 NL88 saying that she didn't like Father Brendan  
15 Smyth and that he had rubbed against her breasts and she  
16 told her, "Well, in future stay away from him", but she  
17 says that she didn't think anything more of it, because  
18 the were friendly and receiving letters  
19 from him, and the girl herself hadn't made a major issue  
20 of it with her. I think she described herself as naive.  
21 She said she may also have told another member of staff,  
22 but that she herself, ie SR46, never discussed it with  
23 anyone, although she said in her interview that he was  
24 someone who gave her the creeps.

25 She was then asked specifically -- if we look,

1 please, at 60217, she was asked whether you were there  
2 when NL88 told her what SR46 recollect --  
3 recollected being told.

4 "Q. Can you remember -- sorry -- if NL114 was there  
5 or was aware of it?

6 **A. No. I think she said to me one night when  
7 everyone was going to bed.**

8 Q. Right."

9 So she is saying that her recollection of what  
10 NL88 was telling her was personal to her.  
11 You weren't there at the time. She says:

12 "Q. So you've no recollection of anybody else being  
13 there at all?

14 **A. No, I haven't."**

15 **If we just scroll down, please, then she says this:**

16 "Q. So -- but apart from that you would agree with  
17 what NL88 --

18 **A. She may have spoken to NL114 herself, because  
19 I think she was quite close to NL114."**

20 **I think you said to me you had a good relationship  
21 with all of the children --**

22 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

23 Q. -- but you don't remember NL88 ever telling  
24 you about being uncomfortable about this man.

25 **A. Never. That name has never come in -- while I was at**

1           **Nazareth Lodge I never heard that man's name mentioned**  
2           **at all in Nazareth Lodge.**

3    Q.    The other point you made to me is that no children ever  
4           talked to you about that type of abuse.  It wasn't  
5           really something --

6    A.    **No.  No.**

7    Q.    -- on your radar.

8    A.    **I wouldn't be -- it was never -- that was never**  
9           **a discussion in Nazareth Lodge about abuse.**

10   Q.    I think SR46 herself says she didn't tell anybody.  You  
11           don't remember her telling you or your colleagues,  
12           "Look, just watch out for that guy" --

13   A.    **No.**

14   Q.    -- or anything of that sort?

15   A.    **No, because I would never have met that man before in my**  
16           **life or never have known his name or anything about him.**

17   Q.    Then I was asking you as part of the same -- SR46 said  
18           to the Inquiry she could remember one occasion whenever  
19           the same girl,           NL88           , an issue arose over SR46  
20           becoming aware of a difficulty at home and making this  
21           known to Social Services and that caused a lot of anger  
22           amongst a particular family member.

23           In paragraph 3 of the statement of SR46, if we just  
24           look, please, at 2131, she recalls being confronted.

25           Just the latter part of paragraph 3.  If we just scroll

1 down, please. Just scroll down a little further,  
2 please. Just scroll down a little further just so we  
3 can see the bit that begins:

4 "On one occasion ..."

5 Thank you. Now down a line. Bring it back a little  
6 for me, please. Bring it back a little more and  
7 a little more. Just stop there. So on one occasion she  
8 remembers being grabbed by this family member on the  
9 shoulder and a staff member, you, seeing this through  
10 a window, coming down the stairs to make sure SR46 was  
11 okay, and told her that she was needed somewhere else as  
12 a way of breaking this up. She says then:

13 "NL114 then told me she had lied, as I was not  
14 needed, but she was just concerned about me."

15 I was asking you today: you have no recollection of  
16 that --

17 **A. I have no memory of that happening at all.**

18 Q. -- of that happening, but it appears, if SR46 is right,  
19 you came to her rescue one day when someone was being  
20 rough with her.

21 **A. Well, I have no memory of it.**

22 Q. You don't remember it.

23 What I want to do is just turn to the allegations  
24 that HIA10, who came forward to the Inquiry, has made  
25 about you. Her Inquiry statement is of October 2014.

1 If we look, please, at 749, paragraphs 8 and 9, what she  
2 said to the Inquiry was that she remembered a member of  
3 staff, NL114 -- so that's you, NL114 -- you had cut her  
4 hair and burned the back of her neck with the curling  
5 tongs intentionally. When checking for lice, you'd use  
6 a silver lice comb, but did it so hard it left her with  
7 scars and cuts on her head and neck.

8 "I remember bleeding."

9 You were a terrible person. You were in the lift  
10 once with her and NL150. She mentioned her grandmother  
11 and said she was dead. She was then slapped on the face  
12 and told that no-one cared about her, no-one wanted her,  
13 that she was worthless and would amount to nothing,  
14 something she was told all the time.

15 Now that's the allegation that was made to the  
16 Inquiry, and that resulted in you being identified by  
17 the Inquiry and receiving papers in order to address  
18 them, and you have attended today to do that.

19 Before I go any further, you were here this morning  
20 when you heard me explain to the Inquiry that the reason  
21 I was dealing with HIA10's material in the way that  
22 I was was because she was not medically fit to attend.

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

24 Q. That had been provided -- a doctor's note had been  
25 provided to the Inquiry to that effect, but you drew to

1 your counsel and then to my attention when we were  
2 speaking earlier that you believe, in fact, she was  
3 present in the building today.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. Now I appreciate you said to me you were seeing someone  
6 you haven't seen for a very long time --

7 **A. Uh-huh.**

8 Q. -- but you were pretty clear that's who came in --

9 **A. That's who came --**

10 Q. -- and sat behind you?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. That happened while I was going through her material  
13 this morning --

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

15 Q. -- and at a point during that she then left.

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

17 Q. You raised it, because you just thought it was -- you  
18 wondered about how we operated. Did the person not  
19 themselves have to speak for their material? I just  
20 read it and they sat at the back.

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

22 Q. I'm grateful for you bringing that to the Inquiry's  
23 attention and the Panel are now aware that that's what  
24 appears to have taken place this morning, but in  
25 addition to your -- the Inquiry's statement that we are



1 looking at, the allegations were made also to the police  
2 in May of 2010. The police statement in May of 2010,  
3 which runs from 62066 to 62070, makes a series of  
4 further allegations which are not in the Inquiry  
5 statement, although this police statement is of  
6 an earlier vintage, and talks about her getting woken up  
7 by SR46 hitting her and you and NL150 shouting emotional  
8 abuse at her. That was on page 2 of the statement --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- various comments about her worthlessness and her  
11 family and so on. Did you ever do that type of thing --

12 **A. It never happened.**

13 Q. -- to any child?

14 **A. No, no.**

15 Q. Then the curling tongs reference is made again on page 3  
16 of the police statement. You would burn her and then  
17 just laugh. The point you have made to the Inquiry is  
18 you don't believe there ever were curling tongs --

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

20 Q. -- in Nazareth Lodge.

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

22 Q. You didn't use any.

23 **A. Never, no.**

24 Q. The issue about the lift, being in the lift, is  
25 repeated, and you slapping her across the face, and you

1 said to the Inquiry, because that was an issue in the  
2 Inquiry statement, that there was a lift in Nazareth  
3 Lodge at the front. You used it to bring food up --

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

5 Q. -- but as far as you are concerned, you were never in it  
6 with --

7 **A. The children were never allowed in the lift.**

8 Q. -- the children?

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

10 Q. It's also said in the police statement that you would  
11 have belittled her in front of other children. Can you  
12 recollect that --

13 **A. No.**

14 Q. -- as a way you would have behaved?

15 **A. No. Definitely not. It wouldn't have happened.**

16 Q. Can we bring up, please, 6269, because another matter  
17 that is in the police statement in 2012 but not in the  
18 Inquiry statement, if we scroll down, please, she said  
19 you made a remark about "Any wonder your parents left  
20 you" and other horrible comments.

21 "Over the two years between 1977-79 she would have  
22 hit me with her long, creamy-coloured stick that she  
23 used to have with her at times. She would have hit me  
24 with the stick hundreds of times and hit me mostly round  
25 the back of my legs and my shins at the front of my legs

1 as this was the most painful part she could hit."

2 Now can you -- I was asking you earlier can you tell  
3 the Inquiry what you might have had that might have been  
4 construed as a cream-coloured stick?

5 **A. Nothing at all. I have never had a cream stick or used  
6 a cream stick or know anything about a cream stick.**

7 Q. And this allegation, the first you were aware of it was  
8 seeing this police statement --

9 **A. Yes.**

10 Q. -- which, due to an administrative issue between the  
11 Inquiry and your legal representatives, you saw today,  
12 and you were adamant that at no time did you ever hit  
13 any child with a stick --

14 **A. A stick or seen --**

15 Q. -- and certainly not --

16 **A. -- a cream stick or know anything about a cream stick or  
17 any stick at all.**

18 Q. I was asking you and you said to me in 2012 you think  
19 the police did get in touch with you presumably on foot  
20 of this --

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. -- but never followed up interviewing you --

23 **A. No.**

24 Q. -- about it, and as far as you were concerned you gave  
25 the interview in '96 and that was the end of it.

1     **A. That's right.**

2     Q. Obviously the Inquiry statement is in October 2014 and  
3     you have dealt with the allegations in paragraphs 13 to  
4     20. If we just bring it up, please, for completeness,  
5     80097, and you set out for the Inquiry, much of which  
6     I have covered with you, your response to the  
7     allegations that HIA10, as she now is, has made. You  
8     conclude that by denying ever hitting her.

9             In fact, I wanted just to -- there is a record you  
10     weren't aware of that I drew to your attention today.  
11     62262. I think when we bring it up, we are going to  
12     have to rotate it round, if we can do that. Then if we  
13     can just maximise that. Now the date of it doesn't  
14     appear on the page unfortunately, but if we scroll down,  
15     I was able to -- if we look at the section under  
16     "Medical", it says:

17             "HIA10 keeps in good general health. She went back  
18     for a check-up for her ear on 27th October 1978. The  
19     doctors were pleased with her progress."

20             So it may be for the six-monthly review this seems  
21     to be the internal type document that was prepared  
22     presumably by SR46 in probably November/December '78,  
23     but if we just look slightly further up the page,  
24     please, she is being described as:

25             "Pleasant and cooperative."

1           Then you can see:

2           "She is very fond of NL114."

3           Obviously we saw earlier           NL88           seemed to  
4           be in SR46's mind someone who was also fond of you. Is  
5           that how you remember your relationships with the girls,  
6           that you got on with them?

7   **A. I got on with all the children, so I did, HIA10 and --**  
8   **HIA10 and   NL88   , all the children the same.**

9   Q. How do you feel about these allegations that have been  
10   made by her against you?

11   **A. I don't know why she's made them and all I can say is**  
12   **that I've never hit a child in my life and anything that**  
13   **is said about me here is lies.**

14   Q. She had a sister, NL114, that we have mentioned. This  
15   is the last thing I want to ... You mention in  
16   paragraph 11 of your statement HIA10's older sister,  
17   NL130. This is not an allegation against you, but  
18   I want you to look at 61518. It's a statement that she  
19   made to the police on 11th May of 1995. Just maximise  
20   that. Scroll down towards the bottom. She is saying  
21   she was not abused, but she does say this:

22           "Discipline was strict and we were ..." --

23           She was there obviously the same period of time, '78  
24   to '80:

25           "... and we were dealt with quite severely if you

1 done anything wrong."

2 Then what she does is identify who the staff were.  
3 She's got all the correct people for being in SR46's  
4 group, because there's you and NL150 and then also she  
5 mentions SR 156 , whom you also had mentioned.  
6 Can you -- trying to put yourself as best you can in  
7 place of a younger child, can you reflect on what she  
8 might mean by saying:

9 "Discipline was strict and we were dealt with quite  
10 severely if we did anything wrong"?

11 **A. Well, I don't know, because I've never seen no strict**  
12 **discipline, you know, with children.**

13 Q. It's not something you recognise?

14 **A. No, no.**

15 Q. Whatever she's describing, it is not --

16 **A. I can -- no.**

17 Q. -- your recollection of how Nazareth Lodge was --

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

19 Q. -- at your point in time?

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. Have you anything else you want to say to the Inquiry  
22 about how your -- the part of the home that you were  
23 involved in was run during the ten years that you were  
24 there?

25 **A. Well, it was a very happy place and SR46 was very good**

1 to the children, so she was. The children had -- they  
2 had their own bedrooms. They had their own clothes, own  
3 wardrobes and hair brushes, combs. You name it. They  
4 had everything really, and it was a very happy  
5 environment. They went -- they had a youth club and  
6 they went on holidays, and it was a very happy  
7 environment while I was there.

8 Q. Were some of the children who came with difficulties  
9 that perhaps were not typical of children generally,  
10 were those things difficult to manage?

11 A. Well, there was always -- you went -- there was no real  
12 difficulties, and if there was, SR46 and the social  
13 worker would have dealt with them, but the staff would  
14 have nothing to do with those difficulties.

15 Q. So you didn't find it a difficult environment to work?

16 A. No, I found it a very happy environment the time of work  
17 when I was there.

18 Q. NL114, you will be pleased to know I am not going to ask  
19 you any more questions. If you just remain where you  
20 are for a few minutes, the Panel Members may want to ask  
21 you something.

22 A. Thank you.

23 **Questions from THE PANEL**

24 CHAIRMAN: NL114, could I ask you two things relating to  
25 HIA10, as she was at that time, not in relation to what

1 she has alleged about you, but things we have seen in  
2 documents relating to her earlier today?

3 The first is that she left the home and the social  
4 worker signed for various things, one of which was  
5 described as a bank book. Now you have described in  
6 your statement that, as you put it, the children were  
7 well resourced with pocket money. Was there any system  
8 of them saving money in a bank account or post office  
9 savings account or anything like that that you were  
10 aware of?

11 **A. I am not aware of it.**

12 Q. That was not something you would be concerned with, was  
13 it?

14 **A. No. All I am aware of that they got pocket money on  
15 a Saturday and went to the shops with their pocket  
16 money.**

17 Q. But if there was any system of saving money, you weren't  
18 --

19 **A. Oh, nothing, no.**

20 Q. -- connected with it in any way?

21 **A. No, not at all.**

22 Q. The other thing is that there has been a reference  
23 several times in the records relating to her to her  
24 going at weekends to somewhere called where  
25 it seems that she enjoyed whatever it was she was doing.



1 Does that mean anything to you? Can you tell us what  
2 that was?

3 **A. I have no record. That word doesn't mean anything to**  
4 **me.**

5 Q. It is not something the children talked about?

6 **A. ? No.**

7 Q. No. Thank you very much.

8 **A. Thank you.**

9 MS DOHERTY: Thanks very much, NL114. Can I just ask: were  
10 you involved in the daily logs, in filling those in?

11 **A. What are the daily -- what, the daily --**

12 Q. You know the logs where it actually would say, you know,  
13 "HIA10 has come in from school. She's in good form",  
14 just small entries that we saw today?

15 **A. I think there was only men... -- the only log book**  
16 **I remember filling in was their food menu. You filled**  
17 **that in every day, their breakfast, their dinner, their**  
18 **tea and their supper. That's all.**

19 Q. What they actually ate for those?

20 **A. Yes. Uh-huh.**

21 Q. Okay.

22 **A. That is all I can remember filling in.**

23 Q. You don't remember being involved in the internal  
24 reviews --

25 **A. No.**

1 Q. -- because we saw -- it's just --

2 **A. We never went to the reviews. It was always the social**  
3 **worker and --**

4 Q. The nun?

5 **A. -- SR46.**

6 Q. We saw papers relating to those reviews, but this  
7 morning we also saw internal reviews that seemed to  
8 be -- have been written by a care member of staff and  
9 countersigned by the nun, but you don't remember?

10 **A. I don't recall. The only book I remember writing on is**  
11 **the menu book.**

12 Q. Okay. Can I just ask about bedwetting? Was that  
13 a problem for any of the children when you were there?

14 **A. The wee ones might have wet beds, but it was no problem.**  
15 **We just changed the -- you just took off the sheet and**  
16 **put it in the laundry and that was it, but there was**  
17 **no -- there was no smacking or anything for doing it,**  
18 **you know.**

19 Q. Okay, and just bathing, HIA10 mentions Jeyes Fluid. Is  
20 that a memory for you?

21 **A. Not at all, no. The bigger children were never -- the**  
22 **bigger children went to showers and it was more or less**  
23 **showers they used.**

24 Q. Okay.

25 **A. There was baths there, but the bigger children all went**

1           **to the showers and there was no washing. They washed**  
2           **themselves.**

3    Q.   In terms of they would have had -- in terms of washing  
4           materials it wouldn't have been --

5    **A. They would have their own wee bubble baths and shampoos**  
6           **and that.**

7    Q.   Okay. Thanks very much.

8    **A. Thank you.**

9    MR LANE: In the spare time that the children had -- you  
10           mentioned things like snooker table and so on -- were  
11           they allowed to go wherever they wanted to to play  
12           outside or play inside or did they all go together to do  
13           something?

14   **A. Well, there was two members of staff, and if one member**  
15           **of staff would have stayed indoors, and that was for**  
16           **maybe the snooker table or whatever, and then there was**  
17           **gardens outside; another member of staff would have**  
18           **taken them outside to the gardens and that.**

19    Q.   You mentioned that your living quarters were in another  
20           part of the building.

21   **A. Yes.**

22    Q.   Did you get to meet all the other staff from the other  
23           units when you were off duty?

24   **A. Yes. The bedrooms were there beside each other, you**  
25           **know.**

1 Q. So did you compare notes about what the other units were  
2 like, other groups?

3 **A. No, I don't think so, no.**

4 Q. Was there much social life among everybody?

5 **A. Well, I don't know. Well, I don't -- me, I would  
6 have just went home on my days off and that.**

7 Q. All right. Okay. One last question. In the ten years  
8 you were there were there any training exercises laid on  
9 for staff actually within the Lodge?

10 **A. There wasn't, no.**

11 Q. Okay. Thank you.

12 **A. Not to my knowledge, but I don't think so.**

13 Q. So the time when you went to \_\_\_\_\_ for the day  
14 release was the --

15 **A. That was just the day release.**

16 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.

17 **A. Thank you.**

18 CHAIRMAN: Well, NL114, those are the only questions we have  
19 to ask you. Thank you very much indeed for coming to  
20 speak to us today about your time at Nazareth House.

21 Thank you.

22 **A. Thank you.**

23 **(Witness withdrew)**

24 MR AIKEN: Chairman, that concludes today's evidence.

25 CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you. Well, we will resume at the

1 normal time tomorrow, ladies and gentlemen.

2 (2.50 pm)

3 (Hearing adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning)

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