

113. Although we were taught the bible at school, I do not trust the Catholic Church, or any church. What happened to me has destroyed my trust, not just in the Church, but in any authority.
114. There is no part of my life that has not been affected by what happened. Although I have worked before, I am not able to work now. I have always found it difficult to work under supervision. Although I've been married and had children, my life has been devastated by my childhood. What happened to me has nearly wrecked my marriage.
115. I began significantly self-harming again after I was assaulted in 1994. This has got progressively worse and I self-harm by way of burning my scrotum, sticking needles into my penis, smacking my bum with a stick. All of the self-harming is towards my genitals and bottom and I am unable to stop this behaviour. I have also made plans to end my life, as a result of all that has happened to me. I now rely on ongoing support from a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a team of Community Psychiatric Nurses ("CPNs"). (Name Redacted), my psychologist, and my CPNs are supporting me through the Inquiry. I have been diagnosed with PTSD as a result of the abuse I suffered. I have been told that I am likely to need lifelong treatment and care.
116. I want this traumatic time of my life - my childhood - to be properly investigated so that I can try and move on with my life. I want someone to take responsibility for what was done to me and the way it has affected my personality and my mental health.

#### **Recent issue with West Mercia Police**

117. I have had a very recent issue with West Mercia Police. I wrote to them and asked for all my records which they held. They sent me copies of the documents.
118. When I looked through them there was a document that did not relate to me. It related to another former Croome Court pupil. His name was in the document. He was at Croome Court in about (1960's) so a lot earlier than me. The document referred to sexual abuse which he had suffered at Croome Court. It was very upsetting for me to read this document. This was for a few reasons. The detail was triggering for me as it brought some of my experiences of abuse flooding back. I was shocked that the police had, by mistake, sent this to me. It made me worry that they might not protect my records carefully too. It also upset me a lot to know that this other person had suffered abuse at Croome Court, like me.