

internationally active political risks consultancy, which I started and continue with my fellow Director Sir John Scarlett.

7. I am an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Swansea, a Fellow of King's College London, and hold several honorary LLD degrees.
8. Prior to the matters under discussion, I had no prior connection with Ealing Abbey, St Benedict's School or the Benedictine Order.
9. Over a long period between about the mid-1990s and 2010 I conducted several trials arising from non-recent child sexual abuse. These included both prosecution and defence cases, arising from events in Cheshire, North Wales and Merseyside.
10. In addition, in 2002 I produced for the Welsh Assembly Government a review entitled *Too Serious a Thing*. This was a review of safeguards for children at all levels and in all parts of the NHS in Wales: I made over 100 recommendations, and almost every one was adopted.
11. Mr Anthony Nelson, Senior Partner of Haworth and Gallagher Solicitors of Birkenhead, has instructed me frequently in major criminal cases. We have worked together harmoniously in some difficult matters, including several cases founded upon child safeguarding issues. Not all resulted in trials. It is as a result of that professional relationship that I came to be invited and instructed to conduct my review of matters concerning Ealing Abbey and St Benedict's School.
12. I have been asked by the Inquiry if I was "*sufficiently qualified and/or the correct person to carry out the review*". This is not a question for me to answer directly. What I would say is that I would not have accepted the instructions if I had not thought that I had the requisite range of qualifications.
13. The matters described in this statement occurred mostly in 2010-11. Although I have fairly extensive records, my memory of conversations and of some details has been affected by the passage of time. I have not retained material containing sensitive personal information, for data protection reasons. However, Haworth and Gallagher have extensive material and I believe that some months ago they disclosed everything relevant to the Inquiry.