

**Details of Investigation**

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This case was referred to the CPT by Father Carroll who is the Child Protection Co-ordinator for the Westminster Diocese.

**Summary**

Approximately five years ago a sixth form boy (no details known at present) informed a teacher (no details known at present) at Ealing Abbey School that he had been molested by a monk, Fr Pearce, when he was eight years old. It appears that Fr Pearce was the head teacher of the junior school at this time. The teacher did not inform anybody of this allegation until early October 2001 when she spoke to Abbott Martin Shipperlee, who is in charge of Ealing Abbey. It was decided to trace the boy and ascertain his views on the subject. The boy, who is now in his mid 20s, stated the following incidents had occurred:

1. Fr Pearce had insisted on drying the boys when they had finished a swimming exercise, ensuring that their genital area was dry.
2. If the boys lost their locker keys during swimming lessons, Fr Pearce would check their swimming trunks in search of the keys.
3. When the boy came to see Fr Pearce with a rash on the upper part of his body, Fr Pearce insisted on examining his genital area.
4. When the school showers weren't working, Fr Pearce stayed and watched the boys showering after the system was fixed.