

Continuation of Statement of

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I can recall Father PEARCE taking me and my swimming group for swimming lessons at **DPA** Pool. I was aged 8-9 years old at the time. He would just transport our class there in the mini-bus and the pool instructors would teach the lesson. I went swimming once every three weeks for one year. Father PEARCE would be the only staff member to attend.

I recall Father PEARCE conducting a visual examination of the swimming pupils on each and every occasion that I went swimming. We would dry and dress in one of the group changing rooms. There would be one mini-bus of pupils within this swimming group, maybe 15 to 20 pupils all aged 8-9 year old. Father PEARCE would always be within this group changing room, both before the lesson and afterwards to supervise the class.

The pupils would shower after the lesson and then enter the changing area. We would then dry ourselves and Father PEARCE would check us all individually, to see if we were dry. We would stand naked in front of him, not in a regimental line up but just one at a time and I recall him looking at both the front and then the back of pupils' bodies to check for dryness. The pupil would have to move round for him to view the back.

He may have touched pupils on their back to check for dryness. He may have touched my back but I can't be sure. I have no detailed recollection of these 'drying incidents'.

I can recall one incident where I saw Father PEARCE put his hand down a pupil's trunks. I can't recall whether he was looking for a locker key or checking the drawstring on the trunks. It was a very casual thing. This was in the same changing room after a lesson. I believe the pupil had lost his locker key and Father PEARCE just put his hand inside the front of the pupil's trunks to look for the key. I believe the particular pupil was called **Child** who would have been 8-9 years old at the time.

I did think this incident and the drying incidents were odd at the time. I was only 8 years old and didn't understand whether it was right or wrong for a teacher to act like this. I didn't tell anyone about these incidents at the time. I would be willing to attend court, if required to do so.

My parents are friends of Father PEARCE so I make this statement with no animosity towards him.

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Signature witnessed by:

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