

undertaken by the team. In addition, I continue to undertake casework, primarily concerned with the assessment (and treatment when appropriate) of adults who have been convicted of sexual offences, or those whose behaviour has given rise to concerns about a possible risk of harm to children. I regularly prepare assessment reports for both criminal and civil court proceedings, as well as for the Department for Children, Schools and Families and other organisations such as Faith communities. I frequently deliver training to professionals working in the field of child protection, and to others concerned with the prevention of child sexual abuse.

### CIRCUMSTANCES OF REFERRAL

3. The Children's Safeguarding Operations Unit in the Department for Children, Schools and Families referred [RC-F41] to the Lucy Faithfull Foundation for assessment, pending a decision by the Secretary of State whether to bar or restrict his employment with children and young people as a result of sexual abuse allegations made against him by [RC-A421]. [RC-A421] The referral from the Department coincided with a separate referral to the Lucy Faithfull Foundation from Haworth & Gallagher Solicitors on behalf of Ealing Abbey, seeking an independent assessment of [RC-F41] to assist the Abbot in making decisions about what roles and functions, if any, it would be safe and appropriate for [RC-F41] to undertake in the light of these allegations. It was agreed between the Department and the Abbey's solicitors that one assessment would suffice for both their purposes and that the report should take the usual form followed by the Foundation in its regular assessments for the Department but that it should be made available to both referrers. The Foundation has received written confirmation that [RC-F41] has consented to all information relating to his case being shared in this way.
4. The background to the referral is as follows: in April 2005, [RC-A421] met with Peter Turner, Child Protection Officer for the Diocese of Westminster, and reported that [RC-F41] had digitally penetrated his anus during a school holiday to [DPA] in 1984. [RC-A421] was aged 11 years at the time and was a pupil at St. Benedict's School, Ealing, where [RC-F41] was a member of staff. Peter Turner informed the police with [RC-A421] agreement. However, due to the fact that the alleged abuse took place abroad and pre-dated the Sexual Offences Act of 1997, no criminal proceedings ensued. Following [RC-A421]'s meeting with Peter Turner, a risk assessment was commissioned by the Diocese of Westminster and was undertaken by Dave Tregaskis Ltd., Sex Offender & Child Protection Assessment & Therapy Services. During the assessment [RC-F41] admitted the incident alleged by [RC-A421] but maintained that his action had been motivated by his belief that this might relieve the complainant's constipation, rather than by any explicit sexual intent on his part. Dave Tregaskis's report (dated 04.07.05) proposed that [RC-F41] should remain within his monastic community at Ealing Abbey but that "*adequate safeguards*" should be put in place with regard to his contact with pupils of St. Benedict's School. In addition, the Diocesan Child Protection Office recommended that [RC-F41] should not be allowed to carry out public Ministry as a priest and referred the matter to the Department for consideration as to his inclusion in List 99.
5. In October 2005, [RC-A421] made a further complaint to the police that, in 1985, [RC-F41] had "*forced him to perform oral sex*" in his office at St. Benedict's School (Police Case Summary dated 21.03.06). [RC-F41] stood trial at [DPA] Crown Court in relation