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**REDACTED**

On 14 Jan 2015, at 15:10, Sheryl Kent <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Jill

Some information for you:

- Bishop Paul made me aware of this allegation in July last year (22<sup>nd</sup>) and London have been in contact with [REDACTED] since then.
- You were subsequently informed about this allegation via email on 28 July.
- Yesterday I received another letter from Bishop Paul which included a copy of the letter from Switalskis making a claim. I emailed a response to +Paul yesterday afternoon (see below).
- I have not been able to find any evidence that concerns were expressed about him during his time in this Diocese and I'm sure that Kate will be able to confirm if Lambeth Palace hold any information.
- Ecclesiastical are fully aware of the allegation and have been for some considerable time; in fact they have been covering the cost of [REDACTED] counselling sessions. Cover has been confirmed.
- [REDACTED] made a statement to the police in August last year and I subsequently met with one of the DC's handling the case.
- Our media team are fully aware of the situation have been alerted to the fact that a claim has now been made; they are aware of the fact that they may need to liaise with both the national comms team and those from other Dioceses although at the current time, unless you aware of something that I am not, there is no reason why the media would be aware of this.
- You should also be aware that [REDACTED] was a close family friend of [REDACTED] father and that is why he was staying with him.

**REDACTED**

Judging by the content of a recent email sent to the Bishop of Truro, Tim Thornton, [REDACTED] is very angry that he has, in the past, reported events to a series of clergymen, some of whom have risen to high ranks, and not been supported or 'heard' with no action being taken. I think that any admission of culpability will need to come from a national figure and not the

All good wishes for the new year  
Jill  
Jill Sandham  
Interim Safeguarding Adviser (Children and Adults)

**Date:** 15.01.15

Time:

Email: Telephone:

Information:

**From:** Stephen Slack [redacted]  
**Sent:** 15 January 2015 13:06  
**To:** 'Bishop of. Durham' [redacted]; Sheryl Kent [redacted]  
**Cc:** Jill Sandham [redacted]; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: New referral

**REDACTED**

**From:** Bishop of. Durham [mailto:redacted]  
**Sent:** 15 January 2015 13:01  
**To:** Sheryl Kent  
**Cc:** Stephen Slack; Jill Sandham; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: New referral

**REDACTED**

On 15 Jan 2015, at 12:52, Sheryl Kent [redacted] wrote:  
Thank you Stephen, that is very useful especially as I have received an email from him late last night!  
Best wishes  
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**REDACTED**

**From:** Bishop of. Durham [mailto:redacted]  
**Sent:** 15 January 2015 12:33  
**To:** Sheryl Kent

**Cc:** Jill Sandham; [redacted] Stephen Slack

**Subject:** Re: New referral

Many thanks Sheryl.

I sent the lawyers letter to [redacted] as well but clearly you need to liaise with them.

[redacted] has also now corresponded with Stephen Platten in a similar vein to Truro.

I am unclear that now a solicitor is involved exactly how we correspond with [redacted]; I don't want to stop doing so if at all possible.

Paul

Paul Butler

Bishop of Durham

**Date:** 15.01.15

Time:

Email: Telephone:

Information:

**From:** Bishop of Durham [mailto:[redacted]]

**Sent:** 15 January 2015 14:29

**To:** Sheryl Kent <[redacted]>

**Subject:** Fwd: [redacted]

Hi Sheryl,

Just had this from Michael Angel at EIG.

Paul

Paul Butler

Bishop of Durham

Auckland Castle

Bishop Auckland

DL14 7NR

[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Angell, Michael" <[redacted]>

**Date:** 15 January 2015 14:28:51 GMT

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** [redacted]

Dear Bishop Paul

Thank you for your letter dated 8 January concerning [redacted]

I have passed this to our specialist claims team who deal with such matters and they will be in contact.

I look forward to seeing you at the National Conference.

With best wishes.

Michael

Michael Angell ACII Chartered Insurer

Church Operations Director

**LPP**

Email: Telephone:

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# LPP

**Date: 22.01.15**

Time:

Email: Telephone:

Information:

Conversation with [AN-44] (45 mins)

- Feels abandoned, shared with him that his solicitor should be able to help with support
- Is having to take time off work as is [DPA] and has to be careful
- Has made initial contact with Exaro
- Feels that loop holes are being used to 'banish' him – believes 'they' want me to vanish. Tried to reassure this isn't the case.
- Has had no support / help / advice in 6 months
- In lonely and vulnerable place – mentioned his case had unique features as most survivors don't disclose to so many people
- No apology – structure appalling, wicked
- Didn't know his claim had been put in – he hasn't signed anything, advised to contact solicitor to discuss.
- Will get his case into Exaro and media
- Threats made against +Paul re press, tried to reassure that +Paul believed him and wanted to support him – doesn't believe this.
- Believes being covered up again, reassured him this is not the case
- Discussed polygraph, stated that he was believed and he didn't need to do this.
- Should never have reported, will advise others not to go to the church as they aren't ready and they will "shaft you".
- "Is this worth it?" – said only he could decide this but that I wouldn't want to see him give up, that he shown bravery
- Recognises that if story goes to press it could cause ripples / a storm
- Going to "steal a march" on +Paul and go public with Chapel idea
- Hates being this angry
- Therapy isn't dealing with what happened
- Wishes he had never reported – "better to have stayed in the box"

**Date: 22.01.15**

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Thanks.

This sounds a mess. If you would like a word, I am around all day tomorrow, although you should not be!  
Bill.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheryl Kent

Sent: 22 January 2015 15:41

To: Jill Sandham; Safeguarding

Cc: Bishop of Durham; Andrew Nunn; [REDACTED] DPA; Archdeacon of Charing Cross

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Sensitivity: Confidential

I've just spoken to him, thank you Jill. He had the same experience 2 years ago! He's going to contact the solicitor at Beachcroft via email and try to get her to solve this one bless him!

I do think that everyone at EIG needs to be giving the same advice about every case though so that there is consistency and support when it's needed most.

Thanks for the response, much appreciated

Sheryl

Sheryl Kent | Safeguarding Adviser

-----Original Message-----

From: Jill Sandham [REDACTED] DPA

Sent: 22 January 2015 15:37

To: Sheryl Kent; Safeguarding

Cc: Bishop of Durham; Andrew Nunn; [REDACTED] DPA; Archdeacon of Charing Cross

Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Dear Sheryl

I'm sorry about how difficult this is, and that you haven't yet been able to have a conversation with Colin, who as you know has picked it up from the national team. I've just texted him to ask if he can give you a ring, as I'm unwilling to confuse matters and wade in.

EIG advice is definitely at odds with what I know has happened in other cases, in that independent support, eg a listener, and contact to set this up, eg DSA, has been offered to survivors when a claim is made. Colin has also had experience of this and should be able to help. And it does feel as if a core group teleconference is needed urgently to support you and ensure the range of issues are agreed on - would you be able to set this up for tomorrow perhaps?

Hopefully Colin will be in touch with you today.

Best wishes

Jill

From: Sheryl Kent [REDACTED] DPA

Sent: 22 January 2015 15:07

To: Safeguarding

Cc: Bishop of Durham; Andrew Nunn; [REDACTED] DPA; Archdeacon of Charing Cross

Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon all

I have just finished a 45 minute 'conversation' (he talked I listened!) with [REDACTED] and wanted to update you on what he is saying.

He is extremely angry that we appear to have abandoned him. I had called Ecclesiastical this morning to clarify the situation and they were very clear that, once a claim had been made, all contact with the survivor must stop. When I questioned why pastoral support couldn't be offered they stated that any support had to come via his solicitor and be part of the claim being made. This may be right in legal terms but does rather show the church in an uncaring, cruel light which won't do our reputation any good and may well severely damage the work we are trying to do with survivors groups. If anyone knows of a way around this, could they please let me know as soon as possible. I have received 5 emails and 2 lengthy calls from him this week but have only responded as agreed with Ecclesiastical in today's conversation.

Interestingly, he has told me that he was surprised that the legal action was initiated as he hasn't signed anything - the papers are all still with him. I informed him that it had been confirmed that I shouldn't have contact with him. He acknowledged that I couldn't comment but asked to talk anyway. I also repeated several times through the conversation that he needed to have an urgent discussion with David Greenwood to ensure that support is put in place for him.

[REDACTED] has made several claims / allegations in this call which, under the circumstances, I felt unable to comment on or challenge as I didn't want to inflame the situation but I think you need to be aware of what he is saying just in case he carries out his threat, repeated again today, to go to Exaro and the press.

- He is feeling very stressed and has had to take some time off work which will cause financial hardship [REDACTED] DPA which will complicate things)

- He has no support and feels totally alone

Information:

From: Colin Perkins [redacted]  
Sent: 23 January 2015 08:54  
To: Bishop of Durham [redacted]  
Cc: Sheryl Kent [redacted]; Jill Sandham [redacted]; Safeguarding <Safeguarding@churchofengland.org>; Andrew Nunn [redacted]; Archdeacon of Charing Cross [redacted]  
Subject: Re: [redacted]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Understood - I was going to ask for a chronology of sorts anyway as this seems to be quite complex and clearly a lot of efforts have already been made. I'm travelling (again!) this morning but I'll suggest some times for a three-way discussion when back in the office later.

Kind regards,

Colin Perkins

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> On 22 Jan 2015, at 22:37, "Bishop of Durham" [redacted] wrote:

> Thank you Colin.

> Before establishing a Core Group I suggest a 3 way conversation between Sheryl, Colin and myself so that Sheryl and I can bring Colin up to speed and then decide just what is needed.

> Conversation with EIG would be helpful. They have not replied to my recent letter asking their advice on responding to the solicitor.

> Paul

> Paul Butler

> Bishop of Durham

> Sent from my iPhone

>> On 22 Jan 2015, at 16:32, Colin Perkins [redacted] wrote

>> Hi everyone.

>> Just to confirm, I'm going to try and speak with the person Sheryl's been dealing with at EIG, who is the same person we work with, tomorrow. I find the advice very odd because we thrashed this through two years ago with EIG when Gemma Wordsworth arrived, and both they and Paula Jefferson at Beachcroft were fine with us offering support to victims through her, and indeed offering meetings with Bishop Martin, concurrent to an ongoing claim. We obviously had to set parameters but that didn't mean keeping victims at arms length. I'll see what happens in those conversations and hopefully we'll be able to come to a resolution.

>> On the wider point, I agree that a core group is essential. Sheryl, I know you're not at work tomorrow and technically my one day per week is Tuesday, but I'll start trying to pull something together (as you say Jill, probably by teleconference) as soon as I can.

>> Kind regards,

>> Colin Perkins

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