

6. The son and daughter [Name Redacted] and AN-A88 and I gathered in the chapel following the burial service as the plot was repaired. My recollection is that we were talking about the Book of Remembrance. I do not know how the subject of Bishop Whitsey came up but one of the siblings said to the other that they used to go and see him and he gave them an extra long hug and then the other sibling said that he used to do that to them. I was not involved in this conversation as far as I recall.
7. I do not recall this conversation extending in any way and just thought that it was odd rather than having any safeguarding concerns at the time, so I did not mention or discuss it with anyone else. They left the building.
8. I have never met Bishop Victor Whitsey and he was not in post when I was ordained. I was not aware of any allegations or rumours at the time when I overheard the brief conversation.
9. It was at a later DSAP that a mention was made of Bishop Whitsey and I told the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Ms Pauline Butterfield, about the overhead conversation in June 2017. She passed it on to the police. I was asked if I would be happy speaking to them which I was.
10. In early August 2017 I had a telephone conversation with Detective Constable Matthew McGuinness and told him my brief recollection of the event. I have not been contacted by DC McGuinness since that time for any further conversations or meetings.

### Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:

**DPA**

Dated: 14 May 2019