

him because his father was a devout catholic and there was no way he would have believed him a boy against the word of a priest.

19. In 1999 **RC-A622**'s father died and, following his death, in 2000/01 **RC-A622** made his first disclosure, telling his then girlfriend **Name Redacted** that he had been sexually abused by a priest at school when he was 12 to 15 years old. He also disclosed to his sister **Sibling**. You will then hear about the involvement of doctors and mental health specialists to whom he also made disclosures from 2001.
20. **RC-A622** reported the abuse to the police and was interviewed as said earlier in 2004. He was originally told that there was insufficient evidence it being one person's word against another; the same answer was given to him in 2007. The police failing to pursue the allegations understandably caused **RC-A622** significant distress; there followed a deterioration in his mental health.
21. By 2010, the extent of the abuse at St Benedict's School had begun to emerge. As you will hear **RC-A622** continued to seek to find justice for what happened to him at the hands of this defendant and was advised to bring a civil action against the school. In order to do this he had not only to give his account but be examined by two further psychiatrists, one being instructed to represent the school. The school eventually agreed to settle the claim out of court – the settlement figure agreed by both sides was £135,000; Andrew Soper, who was in Kosovo at the time, was not present at the hearing. **RC-A622** will tell you however that what happened to him can't be resolved by compensation and that nothing can take away his suffering and anguish.
22. **RC-A622** has little or no knowledge of the other complainants.
23. **Counts 5 & 6 [6&7]** **RC-A8** (date of birth **DPA** 1961) was video interviewed on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 having contacted the police on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
24. **RC-A8** attended St Benedict's School from 1974 to 1977 [13 to 16 years old]. He told police he has been abused by another teacher who was nothing to do with St Benedict's School and the matter had been reported to the police in the past. He continued to be abused by this person whilst he was at St Benedict's.
25. He described moving to St Benedict's school and that it was "a very grim place". He described how family life was difficult as his mother drank and his father abdicated responsibility and often he had to look after his much younger brother.