

- Clwyd County Council
  - Gwynedd County Council
  - Bryn Alyn Community
  - North Wales Area Health Authority (formerly Clwyd Area Health Authority)
  - Clwyd Alyn Housing Association Limited
41. Bryn Alyn Community (Holdings) Ltd was subsequently compulsorily wound up in December 1998. It remained in the litigation in name only and played no part in the proceedings. The liquidator for the company raised no objection to the claims continuing against it, as there were no assets in the liquidation and (subject to the insurance issues to which I have already referred) the CSA claims were potentially covered by public liability insurance.
42. The first Case Management Conference ('CMC') in the North Wales Children's Homes litigation was held in London on 25 May 1999 before Mr Justice Scott Baker. Directions to trial (scheduled for March 2000) were given for claims in the first tranche of the litigation, which involved claims against Clwyd County Council.
43. As the court was focussing on moving the first tranche of claims to trial, only very preliminary directions were issued for claims in the other four tranches. The directions applicable to the Bryn Alyn tranche were as follows:
- Nelsons solicitors were nominated as lead solicitors for the claimants, the coordinating solicitor Mr Uppal having moved from Marron Dodds to Nelsons shortly before the CMC. (In due course, Mr Uppal set up his own firm, Uppal Taylor (UT), through which he conducted the Bryn Alyn claims to their conclusion.)
  - RSA was identified as a separate defendant in the litigation for those claims already issued against Bryn Alyn companies.
  - Advertisements were to be placed in the local, legal and national press inviting potential/actual claimants in all tranches to come forward and join the relevant group register by 16 July 1999, failing which they would be debarred from joining the group (although they would not be debarred from proceeding with their claims outside the group action structure).