

Details of Investigation

PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DETAILS : 3 Forensics
1-7 N/A

PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DETAILS : 4 Victims/Witnesses

1. All details on VIW screen.
2. No witnesses.
3. N/A
4. Victim vulnerable due to age at time of the offence.
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. E-mailed Cris report number to victim who who has OIC's contact details.

PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DETAILS : 5 Suspects

1. Suspect: David Pearce, currently in custody at **DPA** Prison.
- 2-6 N/A.

PRIMARY INVESTIGATION DETAILS : 6 Other evidence

- 1 - 3 N/A
 4. Pearce has previous convictions for sexual abuse on boys under the age of 13 years and he is currently serving 8 years for those offences at **DPA** Prison.
- 5-7 N/A

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1. Victim contacted CAIT direct after seeing an article in The Times relating to Father David Pearce's conviction and imprisonment for sexual assault on pupils At St Benedicts School in Ealing. Victim attended Northwood CAIT and this Cris Report compiled after ABE interview.

2. Victim alleges that he attended St Benedicts School in 1974 in the Junior School. In 1976 he then went to the Middle School and in his second year in Middle School he was sexually abused by the Maths teacher Mr John MAESTRI. He used to take him into his room and pulled down his trousers and caned him on his bottom. After being caned he then went on to rub the victims bottom "better" whilst masturbating under his school gown. This happened for approximately 8 months until he left to go to the Upper School in 1978. Cris: **DPA** refers re this

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allegation.

3. At Upper School he approached Father David Pearce (suspect 1) who was also a teacher in the Upper School as he appeared to be very approachable and the victim wanted to tell a responsible adult about the abuse he received from Mr Maestri. After telling Father Pearce, Father Pearce then got him to act out exactly what sort of abuse happened; by getting the victim to remove his trousers and then Father Pearce then went on to abuse the victim in the same way as Mr Maestri. This continued for the rest of the academic year. Father Pearce also got the victim to undress and touched his thighs, pulled out his pants to see if he had any pubic hairs and asked the victim questions about puberty and sexual arousal. Father Pearce told the victim that he had "sorted out Mr Maestri", and told him he had to stay quiet about Mr Maestri, as "its something we never talk about with anybody".

In 5th Form he decided that he didn't want to remain at the school for 6th Form and decided to go to another college closer to his home. He was sent to see the **DPA** Father Anthony Gee to explain why he didn't want to remain at St Benedicts. He said that he gave Father Gee 2 reasons:

Firstly the college he wanted to go to in **DPA** had a good 6th form; and

Secondly, in his words, "he didn't want to be taught by Perverts masquerading as teachers."

He stated that Father Gee got extremely angry with him over these comments and the victim defended himself and told Father Gee what had happened to him with Mr Maestri and Father David. Father Gee threatened him "internal damnation" and other biblical quotes