

The sexual touching took place over a couple of years.

Remembers the first time he visited Father David in his office – was sent there as someone had drawn on a school history book that he had been reading. Remembers his office was on the first floor, same floor as his classroom, it had a step into the room. Used to always call him by his first name, not surname like the other boys. He would tell him that sexual contact was ok. He would intervene in matters with his parents, i.e. if he didn't want to play violin or be in the choir. Would touch him all of the time and it was reciprocal. On one occasion he exposed his penis to [RC-A596] by pulling up his cassock and he did not have any underwear on, he remembered he had ankle socks only. Does not remember him making him take his clothes off. Father David made him touch his penis through his robes. Asked his parents if he could go to tea with him in his office. Can't remember if he did.

At the time Father David was the Division master, responsible for the welfare of the year and also in charge of discipline. [RC-A596] was put on weekly reports and had to go every Friday to Father David's office to have his report signed off. Every time he was in his office he would be sexually molested by Father David

Knows that Father David was in charge of CCF (see [RC-A11]'s statement), described huts off the playground away from main buildings. Father David used to ask him to go and help in there - no one else was present. Did it 2-3 times.

[RC-A596] did not tell anyone at the time of his abuse. His parents were abusive to him and he was regularly beaten at home. Stated that at the age of 14 he walked into Hyde Park police station and asked to be put into care. He had been beaten by his father and he had bruises on his face. He found it very difficult to cope with the abuse at home and at school. Around the same time he took an overdose of paracetamol and told his parents but they just told him to go to school. At school the head of year Father Anthony (another abuser of his), made him stay in his office to keep an eye on him all day. No one took [RC-A596] to hospital.

The abuse of [RC-A596] by Father David was approx from ages 11 – 14/15 years old. He said that he grew rapidly at age of 15 and was playing County rugby and that is when the abuse stopped.

[RC-A596] has lived in [DPA] for approx 15 years and returned to the UK a couple of years ago. He has been in counselling for numerous years regarding the abuse both by the priests and by his parents.

On Friday 25th January 2008, Father David was arrested at Ealing Abbey Monastery, for Sexual Touching of [RC-A621]. His room was searched and computers and mobile phones were taken. Also found at the address was a sealed envelope to a [Name Redacted] in [DPA]. Inside this envelope were several letters to Father David from a child called [RC-A597]. This child who is now an adult was identified and he is the 2nd victim in this report.

Father David was interviewed and admitted his relationship with [RC-A621] but justified it by saying that it was platonic and there was nothing wrong with the relationship. He agreed (eventually) to everything that [RC-A621] had said but justified it, in his eyes. He stated that he was not aware that he was not able to take confession and he had taken [RC-A621] confession and as part of it was via text and e-mail that is why he asked him to delete those messages and would not go into any of those conversations stating confessional reasons. He was bailed to return to the police station on 6th August where he was further arrested for Indecent Assault on [RC-A597] [RC-A594]

[RC-A594] and [RC-A11] He was again interviewed. The interviews took place over 4 hours and would be too long to go into in this report but the interviews have been typed out for CPS advice. Again basically, with regard to [RC-A597] he agreed (eventually) to everything