

Witness Name: Sally Carr MBE

Statement No.: 1

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Dated: 12.2.20

## THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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### Witness Statement of Sally Carr MBE

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I, Sally Carr MBE , will say as follows:-

1. I am the Operational Director at The Proud Trust which is the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT+) Charity in England for LGBT+ children and young people aged up to 25 years. The Proud Trust is based in North West England with a base in Manchester in the county of Greater Manchester and Ellesmere Port in the county of Cheshire.
2. I have no knowledge or evidence, of CSE by Organised Networks in St Helens, and can therefore provide no knowledge or evidence, of CSE by Organised Networks in St Helens, to the investigation
3. As the Operational Director of The Proud Trust we work in collaboration with a myriad of LGBT+ youth organisations, one such service is Over the Rainbow in St Helens whom we offer very limited support too, often by way of attending our North West LGBT+ Youth Workers network meeting. The current service available in St Helens to support LGBT+ children and young people, that I am aware of, is Over The Rainbow, and more info about this is here:

*Over the rainbow is a part social, part support group for young people aged 13-25 years who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans\*, questioning or unsure of their sexuality or gender identity. We run a closed confidential youth group based in St Helens, Merseyside. At over the rainbow, you will find a group of likeminded young people that you can socialise with safely.*

*We offer information, advice and guidance on a range of issues relevant to young people in general and LGBTQ young people in particular, including coming out, bullying, sexual and emotional and mental health and well-being. If additional support is required e.g. counselling, we will signpost them to an appropriate service.*

Emma Cuerden is the contact for this service and can be contacted at:

Emma Cuerden  
Health Promotion Specialist LGBT  
Intergrated Sexual Health Service  
Fingerpost Health Centre  
1st Floor Office  
WA9 1LN  
Pronouns: She/Her  
Mobile:   
Tel:

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed:

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