

SECTION 6: PERPETRATORS AT ANGELL ROAD

- 6.1. In sections 7 to 9 of this statement, I respond to questions from IICSA in relation to four perpetrators connected to Angell Road. These sections set out the knowledge that Lambeth is aware of in respect of allegations, contemporaneous and recent, which should have led to further investigation either by the Council or the police.
- 6.2. Of the perpetrators discussed below; one, Michael Carroll, was convicted in relation to sexual offences against children both in the care of Lambeth and other local authorities. The second LA-F4 was dismissed from Lambeth Council and subsequently charged although the prosecution was discontinued. The third and fourth, Steven Forrest and LA-F36, were not subject to any contemporaneous investigations by Lambeth or the police.
- 6.3. I discuss five victims about whom IICSA have inquired. Lambeth have located records that three of these children made a contemporaneous allegation of sexual abuse.
- 6.4. The full extent of the sexual abuse which took place at Angell Road may never be known. The material reviewed by Lambeth, including the allegations discussed in this statement, indicates that at least 36 children made allegations of sexual abuse arising from their times at Angell Road, including about the perpetrators discussed in this statement. Lambeth is aware of at least 9 adults either employed or connected to Angel Road against whom allegations of sexual abuse have been made. A further 15 allegations have been made against unknown perpetrators.
- 6.5. In my other case study statements, I have set out a detailed background in relation to the child abuse investigation procedures in place during the operational period of Angell Road. This information can be found in section 6 of the Ivy House and Monkton Street case study statements respectively and section 5 of the South Vale case study statement.
- 6.6. As I have detailed in these statements, by the end of the 1980s there was established statutory guidance for responding to the sexual abuse of children. By this time, the enduring and profound risk and harm associated with child sexual abuse was becoming much more widely acknowledged and better understood. By 1991, following the implementation of the Children Act 1989 and Working Together 1991,