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I attempted to interview [LA-A26] in the presence of her mother and Social Worker Ann WORTHINGTON, but she was unable to communicate properly and incapable of forming a complete sentence only using words such as 'Cockalock', 'coush coush', 'suck it' and [LA-F12], together with noises and uncontrollable laughter. I was, therefore, left with only the mother's interpretation of what [LA-A26] was saying. It was quite obvious that [LA-A26] could never give any evidence in a Court of law.

Dr. Eileen GORMAN, Divisional Surgeon, was called to medically examine [LA-A26], but was unable to do so, due to her violent struggles.

Enquiries revealed that there was only one male Care Officer employed at Ivy House with a first name of [LA-F12] and that was, indeed, [LA-F12]
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On 10th December 1985 I attended Ivy House and saw Mr. THOMAS, Senior Childrens Home Officer. I was informed that they were aware of the allegation and had suspended [LA-F12] on [DPA] 1985. I interviewed members of the staff, but there was no further evidence to support [Mother] Mother's allegations.

That same day, together with Detective Constable WARD I saw [LA-F12] at his home address and interviewed him, but he strongly denied the allegation. He was again interviewed the following day at his home, but still maintained he was innocent and could not give any reason why such an allegation should be made against him.

There was no evidence to substantiate the allegation which, in any event, was merely an interpretation of [LA-A26]'s utterings by her mother. The allegation could be neither proved or disproved, but the mother remained convinced that [LA-F12] had sexually abused her child.

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