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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

FOURTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF SIMON MORLEY

I, Simon Morley, will say as follows:-

Introduction

1. I am a Detective Inspector with the Metropolitan Police Service ('the MPS'). I make this statement in that capacity, on behalf of the MPS, in response to a Rule 9 request relating to the MPS's investigations into **LA-F14**
2. I am currently deployed within the Operation Winter Key team based at Cam Road. I have held this role since 2015. Further details of my background and experience is set out in my First Witness Statement to the Inquiry dated 4 May 2020.
3. I have had no personal involvement in any of the police investigations into **LA-F14**. In providing this statement, I rely upon information obtained from: the MPS Home Office Major Crime Enquiries System ('HOLMES'); the Crime Reporting Information System ('CRIS'); MPS intelligence systems; and documentation that has been archived and/or retained from the original investigations.

Factual Background

4. **LA-F14** was born on **LA-F14** 1949 in **DPA**. He appears to have moved to the UK in **DPA** 1979 and married **Name Redacted** a Social

95. It should be noted that Ms Etherington, in a note provided after the hearing on 15 September 2000, made clear as follows:

"...THE DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE ALLEGATION OF INDECENT ASSAULT IN NO WAY REFLECTS UPON THE CHARACTER OF [LA-A31] IN MY OPINION IN HER VIDEO INTERVIEW SHE GIVES HER EVIDENCE PERSUASIVELY AND CLEARLY. AT NO STAGE DID THE PROSECUTION DOUBT HER CREDIBILITY. THE DECISION TO OFFER NO EVIDENCE WAS BASED PURELY ON LEGAL FACTORS, NAMELY, THE CONTAMINATION OF THE IDENTIFICATION AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE INFORMATION REVEALED IN THE SENSITIVE MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO ABOVE."

Police Investigations into [LA-F14] post-2003

96. Searches of police databases do not show any further allegations as being made against [LA-F14] post-Operation Middleton.

Evidence of Association with Other Lambeth Employees Accused / Convicted of Child Sexual Abuse

97. While it is clear that [LA-F14] was employed at South Vale Assessment Centre at the same time as other known abusers (such as Les Paul), I have found no evidence that [LA-F14] acted with, or was associated with, any other sexual abuser in the employment of Lambeth.

Observations and Conclusions

Police Investigations into [LA-F14] pre-1998

98. With regards to the allegations made by [LA-A30] and [LA-A453], it is quite clear that police on both occasions looked into the matter and did not consider the allegations to amount to a criminal offence. While my ability to comment on these matters is limited, given the absence of many of the documents from the original investigations, I can understand why both investigations may have reached these conclusions.
99. With regards to [LA-A452], it is unfortunate that I have been able to locate further documentation regarding this matter. It is clear, however, that [LA-A452]