

15.251. DC Lister traced [LA-A7] sister, [Name Redacted] and spoke with her on 9 October 2013 before eventually meeting her in person on 6 February 2014. It took some time for DC Lister to meet [Name Redacted] again so that she could sign her statement; this was eventually completed on 12 May 2015. In her statement, [Name Redacted] indicated that she had seen Les Paul abusing her brother [LA-A7] in bed one night in the home.

15.252. DC Lister also read [LA-A7]'s Social Services file in the course of her investigation of his allegations. This file was in better condition than [LA-A1] and it seemed to confirm those dates that [LA-A7] could remember.

[LA-A19]

15.253. [LA-A19] was born on [DPA] 1970 and resided at South Vale in the early 1980s. As mentioned above in Section C, he was first contacted by telephone by Operation Trinity officer DC Joanna Smith on 15 September 2014. In the course of the conversation, he disclosed concerns about his time at South Vale and specifically said something to the effect of, "*It was to do with Les Paul and he was prolific.*"⁵⁷⁵

15.254. [LA-A19] was ABE-interviewed by DC Suzanne Lister at Stratford Police Station on 29 October 2014 and continued on 30 October 2014 and 6 November 2014.⁵⁷⁶ In the course of the interviews [LA-A19] made a number of allegations of sexual abuse against Les Paul. He also named other possible victims as including [Child] and [Child]

15.255. In a statement taken on 10 October 2015 [LA-A19] identified himself in a photograph taken at South Vale and indicated that it was likely to be Les Paul who had taken it.⁵⁷⁷

15.256. On 21 October 2015 DC Lister took a statement from [LA-A19] former social worker, John Stanton, in which John confirmed that [LA-A19] had disclosed to him that he was being abused at the time he was living in South Vale. John also confirmed that he

575 Operation Trinity Closing Report, 7 November 2019; see also Y10C, Record of Interview of [LA-A19] 29 October 2014.

576 Y10C, Record of Interview of [LA-A19] 29 October 2014; Y10D, Record of Interview of [LA-A19] 30 October 2014; and Y10E, Record of Interview of [LA-A19] 6 November 2014.

577 Witness Statement of [LA-A19] 10 October 2015.