

MEMORANDUM

From: ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES To: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
 Our Ref: ID/JM Ext. [DPA] Copies: Chief Executive
 Your Ref: Date: 30th May 1991

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KNOWL VIEW SCHOOL

As you know, we met with the Chief Executive and Deputy Town Clerk on 17th May, regarding Knowl View School. We discussed the concerns of the School and the chronology of events since the meeting which took place in early March.

I shared with you and with Mr. Pierce and Mr. Shipp my understanding regarding the allegations, which was that they do not come within the Child Abuse Guidelines and Procedures definition of sexual abuse between children.

In view of the nature of the concerns and the need to resolve the matter speedily, I agreed to look further into the concerns which the School have raised, to consider these in detail and to let you have a formal response as to whether they do in fact come within the definition of sexual abuse between children.

I met yesterday, 29th May, with Freema Taylor, Area Manager, Heywood (who is taking on additional responsibilities as far as Child Protection work is concerned) and with Annie Dodd, Senior Social Worker from the Middleton Area Office. I considered in detail the concerns regarding three boys referred by the School following the meeting on 11th April 1991:

1. [RO-A15] (13 years)

The concerns about [RO-A15] involve participation in oral sex; "forced [RO-A11] to have oral sex, and observed oral sex between [RO-A11] [RO-A11] and [RO-A14]". These concerns have been followed up by Manchester Social Services Department, who have responsibility for [RO-A15] and I understand that they do not intend to proceed any further following the interview which has taken place with [RO-A15].

2. [RO-A14] (14 years)

The concerns are that [RO-A14] was involved in oral sex with [RO-A11] and observed oral sex between [RO-A11] and [RO-A15]. The view is that, if anything, [RO-A14] was a perpetrator rather than a victim in these activities and that this does not fit the guidelines on sexual abuse between children.