

This morning [RO-A14] disclosed that he has been the subject of a sexual assault by a man named Rodney Hilton, believed to be a Schedule 1 offender. Rodney Hilton lives nearby, and apparently has been thrown out of his parents home following an argument. He has been sleeping in school, as some of the boys have been letting him in. Mr. Eaton said that he had discussed this with the police, who said that for as long as the children were inviting him in, then he was not breaking in, then there was no action that they could take.

Today [RO-A14] has said that this man has oral sex with him. One of Mr. Eaton's concerns is that [RO-A14] is due to go home for the weekend, and he does not think that parents will be able to deal with this news appropriately, and indeed [RO-A14] has been very anxious that his parents not be told.

Mr. Eaton said that he has contacted the Littleborough Police Team, and left a message on the answer-phone, and spoken to the communications room at Rochdale, who wanted to send a uniformed officer, which Mr. Eaton did not think was appropriate in the circumstances.

I told Mr. Eaton that I agreed and I thought the matter needed dealing with by specialist police officers, or if they were not available, then he should contact CID at Rochdale, as stated in the Child Protection Guidelines, for them to decide about the most suitable officer to respond.

We agreed that he would contact Middleton SSD and speak to the duty officer about a possible SSD involvement in dealing with the matter, and then follow the matter through with the police.