

CONFIDENTIAL

KNOWL VIEW SCHOOL

Notes of a meeting held at the school on Monday 24 September 1990 commencing at 9.30 am approximately.

Present: Mr B Andrews, Acting Head Teacher
Mr G Hutchinson, Acting Deputy Head Teacher
Miss M Simpson, Adviser
Mr B Williams, Asst Education Officer (Special Education)
Mr D Eaton, Residential Child Care Officer
(Attended for part of meeting)

Mr Williams requested a full report involving a stranger spending a night in the boys dormitory at the school as reported by telephone to himself by Mr Hutchinson on Friday 21 September 1990.

Mr Hutchinson stated that an adult male known as Rod Hilton had been spotted in the school grounds on Thursday evening 13 September 1990, speaking to a pupil. Subsequently RH was seen on the kitchen roof trying to gain access to the school and the police were called.

Mr Hutchinson said that RH was known to the police as a Section 1 offender and that the police had come to the school but had taken no further action.

Mr Hutchinson then fetched papers which recorded what had happened (attached).

Mr Hutchinson said that it was believed that RH had been admitted into the school and had spent the night in a pupil's bedroom where he had slept under the bed, having been allegedly thrown out of his own home by his father.

Mr Hutchinson said that [RO-A14] had subsequently admitted to have engaged in some sexual activity which he (GH) had become aware of on Friday 21 September.

Mr Hutchinson claimed that [RO-A14] was scared stiff! He had been suspended on Thursday 13 September and returned to school on Friday 21 September following a vicious physical attack on another pupil.

Mr Hutchinson said that he had noticed before his exclusion that something was worrying [RO-A14] who seemed pre-occupied and suggested that he talk to a member of staff. On his return to school [RO-A14] told GH about the intruder being let into the school and had said that he was pleased to have been excluded in the interim.

Miss Simpson asked if there was any reason to believe that RH had been admitted to the school previously.

Mr Hutchinson reported that the first awareness that staff had that RH was in the area was on Monday 10 September - this had been noted in the Communication Book by GH on 11 September 1990.

When [RO-A14] had returned to school there had been two ways of dealing with the issue in the 'steam roller' or the 'soft touch' approach.