

On 11th April it was decided at a meeting chaired by Miss Janet Bowyer, and attended by Mr. Kazi and Mr. Bradshaw, that Miss Bowyer would interview three pupils. Six weeks later Miss Bowyer had reported her views that the three pupils looked at were likely to have been abusers rather than abused, and undertook to investigate a further three.

I understand that originally a discussion about the issues relating to Knowl View had occurred at the Child Protection Guidelines Sub-Committee, and it had been agreed that the investigation should proceed. Later, however, Mr. Davey, Acting Director of Social Services, had decided that the alleged activity did not fall within the Authority's guidelines on child protection. I understand that it was at this point that Mrs. Cavanagh decided to ask me to become involved. As a result I have attended four meetings at the Department of Education, I have visited Knowl View School on several occasions and I have seen the following people:-

Education Authority

Mrs. D. Cavanagh, Director of Education.
Mr. Kazi, Principal Education Welfare Officer.
Mr. B.P. Williams, Assistant Education Officer (Special Education).
Mr. C. Bentley, Chief Adviser.
Mr. D. Shipp, Deputy Town Clerk.
Miss M. Simpson, General Adviser.
Mr. D.L. Edmonds, Senior Educational Psychologist.
Mr. Z.R. Flammer, Acting Principal Educational Psychologist.
Mrs. Marsh, Education Welfare Officer.

At Knowl View

Mr. S. Bradshaw, Head Teacher.
Mr. D. Eaton, Head of Care.
Mr. R. Humphreys, Chairman of Governors.
All members of care staff.
Mr. G. Hutchinson, previous Acting Deputy Head.
Teachers wishing to speak with me.
Mr. A. Found, Caretaker.

Others

Freema Taylor, Heywood Social Services Department.
Dr. A. Frazer, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Birch Hill Hospital.
Chief Inspector R. Downes, VO,14, Greater Manchester Police.
Det. Supt. J. Henderson, Rochdale Police.
Child X and his mother.
Child Y and his mother.