

things down for the time being and was accepted by [redacted] who strongly denied that any sexual activity had ever taken place between himself and [redacted].

Mr. Digan is the Group Houseparent who works with both boys and is the most likely person to be able to find the truth.

10.4.89 (Monday)

[redacted]'s mother telephoned me to say that her son had mentioned the incidents over the weekend. She wanted to know if it was true and what was I doing about it. I explained my doubts, that Mr Digan would investigate further and that I would be able to tell her more later in the week.

12.4.89

Mr. Digan reported that [redacted] continued to deny that anything occurred and felt that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to get [redacted] to admit anything. He stated that in spite of [redacted]'s denials and the lack of evidence, he was convinced that a serious sexual offence had been committed.

It is likely that at least two incidents occurred:

1. Round about the 15th March, oral intercourse took place plus attempted anal intercourse, the latter being avoided only by [redacted]'s distress which caused [redacted] to go back to his own bed so as to avoid discovery by others.
2. Round about the 5th April [redacted] again attempted anal intercourse but was thwarted by another boy waking and going to the toilet.

During both incidents there was some degree of coercion and [redacted] is frightened of [redacted].

It is recognised that both [redacted] and [redacted] require help to overcome problems generated by these events. [redacted] I feel it would be best to avoid an over-reaction and to view the incidents within the context of emotionally disturbed boys experimenting whilst having problems in making relationships.

There are some important considerations:

1. Where did [redacted] learn this type of behaviour?
2. Will it be repeated?
3. What will be the effect on [redacted]?

We, at the school, may never know the answer to 1. If we do learn anything we will act as appropriate.

There is obviously a degree of risk in that [redacted] may repeat this type of behaviour in school. I consider this to be an acceptable risk given the information we have at present and in view of the precautions we can take.

We will be vigilant in our observation of [redacted] and will be on the