

3. RO-A11 (15 years) (now left school)

The concerns are that he was involved in oral sex with RO-A15 and also with RO-A14. It would appear that RO-A11 was a willing partner in these activities and that as the oldest boy amongst the group, he was quite able to deal with any unwelcome advances. Therefore the definition of sexual abuse between children, as outlined in the Procedures, does not apply in this case.

In summary therefore, as regards the three boys who it was originally anticipated that we would be following up with interviews, this has been completed in one case and in the other two instances the concerns do not fit the sexual abuse between children definition in the Child Abuse Guidelines and Procedures.

In the same meeting we also considered the position as regards other children in the School. You may be aware that Freema Taylor has done a considerable amount of work with the Headteacher and staff at Knowl View School and my conclusion was that the definition of sexual abuse between children does not apply in the other cases with the possible exception of RO-A12, aged 13. The information which would enable us to make a judgement on this is currently held by the Education Welfare Service and we are awaiting the report from Hilary Marsh which Manzoor Kazi has promised to supply. When we receive this information we will form a judgement on whether we can use it to proceed with an investigation and contact you again.

In conclusion, a considerable amount of assimilation of the material provided by Knowl View has been done by Freema Taylor. If it would be helpful to you to have this information, then please let me know and we can share it with you.

Also, despite the fact that the information does not enable us to proceed with investigations under the Child Abuse Procedures, we share the concerns that the staff have about sexual activity between the children in the School and I would offer our continued co-operation and assistance in any way which would help resolve this matter.

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