

MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHRIS SPANKIE,  
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HEYWOOD AREA TEAM.

TO: JANET BOWYER,  
PROFESSIONAL OFFICER  
(CHILD ABUSE & PREVENTION)

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YOUR REF:

DATE 7th May 1991

KNOWL VIEW/ **RO-A11** :

From our earliest discussions regarding the situation at Knowl View, we have agreed that it would be impossible to conduct an interview with any of the boys until there was some clearer and more detailed information available, not least because there was some uncertainty as to whether any sexual abuse had actually taken place. We were also concerned that the first interview(s) should take place with victim(s) of abuse rather than alleged perpetrators or victim/perpetrators.

I do not feel that the information which you have sent regarding **RO-A11** clarifies the situation to a point where an interview is appropriate, as it is inconclusive as to whether any abuse took place. I remain of the view that **RO-A17** would appear to be the most appropriate starting point, provided sufficient detail is received to warrant an interview with him.

As I am now on leave until 20th May, I have discussed the situation with Freema, who shares my view. Perhaps you could liaise with her in my absence.

