

Supt Marshall recommended that all external doors should be alarmed to alert staff to doors being opened at night. He also suggested that funding might be available for security from the Safer Cities Project and offered to enquire about the eligibility of Knowl View for this purpose.

In conclusion Supt Marshall agreed -

- (a) to send the Crime Prevention Officer to the school to advise on security measures
- (b) to make his staff aware of the nature of Knowl View School as a residential school for boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties and
- (c) to seek to ensure prompt responses are made to calls to the police made by staff at Knowl View.

Mr Ingoe thanked Supt Marshall for his comments and the latter left the meeting at this point.

(b) Response of the Governing Body

Mr Humphreys enquired about the views on 'corrective' and 'therapeutic' approaches held by school staff as revealed in the interviews which the Chief Adviser and AEO (Special Education) had held with the staff.

Mr Andrews responded that in an educational establishment such as Knowl View there was a need for a therapeutic approach with clearly defined boundaries for the pupils. He said that there was no conflict between corrective and therapeutic approach. When he arrived he said that some staff thought it appropriate to drag pupils by the hair and to throw them against the wall. There was much less violence now.

Mr Humphreys reiterated his view that if any staff thought that pupils should be physically chastised they should not be at Knowl View.

Mr Williams interjected to remind the Governors that corporal punishment was now unlawful and that such behaviour could lead to disciplinary action against the individual members of staff concerned.

Mr Ingoe expressed the view that Knowl View should not be a Borstal type institution - but there appeared to be a difference of perspective among teaching and care staff.

→ Mrs Lyons asked about specific items raised by the Chief Adviser at the previous meeting with regard to staff training, use of directed time, the role and duties of staff on sleeping-in duty.

Mr Ingoe proposed that the School Management Group should report every four to six weeks to a Sub-Committee of three Governors on progress/developments at the school.