

KNOWL VIEW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Report on [RO-A10] for the attention of Mr. B. Williams.

[RO-A10] D.O.B. [DPA]

Whilst [RO-A10] has been at Knowl View Residential School his progress has been very disjointed. Alternating between settled happy times and disruptive, aggressive periods, when he has absconded.

Since September, there has, however, been no progress at all. [RO-A10] has absconded regularly (about twice a week) and has been disruptive and unco-operative nearly all the time. This behaviour has been mirrored at [DPA] also. He absconded from there 14 times in a period of less than 3 weeks.

Whilst [RO-A10] has been missing from school or [DPA] his whereabouts have been largely unknown. He has been picked up in Smith Street, Public Toilets, and whenever he has returned voluntarily, he always has money and rarely seems to have been affected by weather conditions. Given his past record of paid sexual involvement with men, great concern was expressed for his safety. This concern is also felt by [DPA] from which he has been completely disaffected for the past 9 months, and also by Rochdale Police.

All the efforts on the part of Knowl View Residential School staff (which have been considerable) have been to no avail. [RO-A10] has consistently refused to accept any authority here whatsoever. His position therefore, has become untenable. He has now been suspended for a second time and we request that a 52 week placement be sought for him as a matter of urgency.

[RO-A10] is currently in [DPA], for a period of 12 weeks. We feel that a return to Knowl View Residential School would be detrimental to both [RO-A10] and the other pupils, including [Name Redacted] [RO-A24]. [RO-A24] houseparents have noted that [RO-A10] problems and behaviour this term, have had a damaging effect on [RO-A24] behaviour and previously excellent progress. Indeed, when informed that [RO-A10] would not be at Knowl View Residential School for the next three months and possibly not at all, [RO-A24] was extremely relieved. ([RO-A24] was aware of [RO-A10] activities) so too were all the boys in [RO-A10] house-unit, as [RO-A10] has had such a draining and de-moralizing effect on them this term.

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