

- 10 The culture of many lessons and activities has been described as 'macho'. Sometimes this spilled over into violence and aggression, including physical assaults by at least one teacher on a pupil. It can be assumed that this culture reinforced and supported the bullying tactics of some pupils towards other pupils. Coercion and bullying were a feature of some of the sexual activities in the Norden Unit.
- 11 The curriculum offered by the teachers was a long way from the National Curriculum (from which at least one teacher stated he was exempt) and from the aspirations of the LEA, stated in its Curriculum Document and from the 'mission' of the school. In fact the school had not produced any statement to indicate how the teaching and care roles would complement each other and provide for whole-school development. Such work should clearly have been initiated by the Acting Head and Deputy. It was not.
- 12 Mainstream links were fostered, particularly by the Acting Deputy using the opportunity offered by shared resources in the TVEI cluster. There was (and is) an urgent need to develop an exchange of activities with mainstream schools in which mainstream staff and pupils can come to the Knowl View site. This would have counteracted the cosy atmosphere and in-fighting which staff have described.

#### Care Staff

- 13 Care staff were assigned to duty rotas on specific units but over time there was movement from one unit to another and staff would also work in other units to cover absence through illness etc. What follows is therefore an indication of those mainly responsible for each unit.
- 14 (a) Ashworth

Junior Unit aged 11 to 13

Several pupils from this unit were involved in homosexual activity at the Smith Street Toilets up to Spring 1990.

Information from the Police and Social Services was/was not communicated to the school/Health Authority ...

Those supervising the boys in the evenings appeared either not to notice that they were missing or not to communicate their observations. Staff deployed in this unit were:

<u>September 1989</u>	<u>September 1990</u>
S Cohen	L O'Connor
K Deane	D Potter
J Wheeler	D Hinton
L O'Connor	A Eaton
P Davies	B Roberts
G Hutchinson	A Found