

KNOWL VIEW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Report of the Director of Education on Staff Behaviour in the period
September 1989 - October 1990

INTRODUCTION

1 This report is provided in response to concerns of staff expressed in a letter sent to the Director on April 1992 (attached as an Appendix) and following the discussion of the report of Mrs V Mellor, Director of the Jubilee Children's Centre, on Knowl View School in March 1992.

2 It is the intention of the Director of Education to discuss the content of this report with the following:

- ? the staff of the school
- the governing body of the school
- the Education spokespersons/Chairs of the Party groups on the Council
- the Teacher Union representatives
- Mrs V Mellor, Director of the Jubilee Children's Centre

CONTEXT

3 The information provided in this report has come from the following sources:

- (a) signed statements by staff made in the presence (unless wished otherwise) of their Union representatives to the Chief Adviser and EO (Special Education) and incorporated in general terms in their report (June 1992).
- (b) statements made by outside agencies (Police, Health Authority, Social Services, Probation) to officers of the LEA (March-May 1991).
- (c) the report provided by Mrs V Mellor, Director of the Jubilee Children's Centre, in her report to the Directors of Education and Legal Services (March 1992)
- (d) the report on concerns of Knowl View staff voiced to P Shepherd of the Rochdale Health Authority during an in-service training session (March 1991).

4 In drawing conclusions, the author has been conscious of the following:

- (a) individual members of staff and staff of outside agencies hold different perspectives and therefore emphasise different factors
- (b) with the passage of time it is not possible to give precise evidence of some of the alleged poor practice and alleged negligence.