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REPORT ON KNOWL VIEW SCHOOL

On joint instructions from the Directorates of Legal Services and Education in Rochdale I was expressly instructed as follows:-

to visit the school, talk to staff at the school and within the Authority, about the children and the concerns that have been expressed about their behaviour;

to consult with the Police and Health Authority staff, and to have material considered by Social Services made available to you;

to give expert advice to the Director of Education on the next steps that should be taken to ensure the future welfare of the children and the proper conduct of the school.

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The School

Knowl View School is a residential school for boys aged approximately 8 to 16 years. In the main children are placed there because of learning difficulties due to behavioural problems. There are four residential units - two senior (13-16 years), Norden and Egerton, and two junior (8-13 years), Ashworth and Bamford. The senior and junior units are very well