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evidence that this DOE CP Protocol process took place and that no specific allegations of sexual abuse were made.

However, the initial accounts provided by Mr. HENDERSON and Mr. STERNDALE were called into question by two pieces of evidence

Firstly, the following extract from an article that appeared in the Rochdale Observer on 19th July 1996 was identified by the Operation Clifton MIT.

Detective Superintendent Jim Henderson, head of Rochdale CID, said: 'I have examined the issues raised in connection with the school and nothing in the documents or the information requires further investigation by the police.'

'All the issues involved at the school were discussed and investigated at the time by a number of agencies and necessary action was taken then.'

'I do not believe there has been any cover up at the school and nothing in the documents indicates that.'

Mr Henderson said he had investigated the dossier together with Rochdale Family Support Unit which deals with physical and sexual abuse cases.

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19th July
1996

Mr. HENDERSON's assertion in this article that he investigated "the dossier" together with Rochdale's Family Support Unit seems at odds with his initial account to DCI FLINDLE and Mr. STERNDALE's witness statement as provided to the MIT

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