

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: MELLOR, VALERIE PAULINE

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RETIRED

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: V P MELLOR

Date: 31/07/2015

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am Valerie Pauline MELLOR and I am a retired Consultant Clinical Psychologist.

I made a statement to the Police dated 18th May, 2015 regarding my dealings with Knowl View School in Rochdale and the submission of my report which is dated the 18th February,1992.

I have been shown and have read a press article which is dated the 6th March,1996 which appeared in the Rochdale Observer it is headed " Legal move keeps knowl view saga under wraps".I have not read or seen that article before today Wednesday the 29th July, 2015).

In the main body of the article it refers to a Liz LYNNE stating that she has written to me for comments on my changed report. I cannot recall meeting with Liz LYNNE but that is not say that I didn't, as it is nearly 20 years ago. Neither can I recall communicating with Liz LYNNE but had she contacted me by telephone, email or written letter then I know for certain that I would have spoken to her and replied to her communications. I would also have retained a copy for my personal records and future reference.

The report that I submitted dated the 18th February, 1992 was a full and complete comprehensive report and this was handed to or posted to Mrs CAVANAGH and nothing was omitted. Subsequent to that I did attend meetings where my report was made available to all attendees and I know that certain items at certain meetings were removed.

This was simply because the attendees did not need to know certain details ie the names and activities that the children had been involved in, One such occasion I can recall is that in my report at the rear and titled "Allegations Appendix 1" the names of the boys are not included I refer to them in code as "[REDACTED]",

"[REDACTED]", "[REDACTED]" and so on. This was to protect the boys from exposure to persons who really didn't need to

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know their true identity and I was asked on one occasion to remove it as it was clearly not appropriate or required for the audience that my report was being disclosed to.

So when reference is made to a "changed report" this could well be what they are alluding to and in reality they are not in possession of the full facts and they are clearly making assumptions based on differing copies of my report that have been in circulation.

I do know who Martin DIGAN is and I have met him in the past however I haven't seen or spoken to Martin DIGAN since I compiled my report on Knowl View School in 1992.

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