

that any action would be helpful at this time.

Mansoor Kazi reminded everyone of the ACPC procedures and requirements. Reached an impasse with Education. The staff saying that they did not consider the behaviour to constitute abuse.

Agreed.

No action for police or SSD to take at present.

Education department to collate their information and obtain statements from relevant care staff and to contact other agencies when this is available.

22.3.91 Mansoor Kazi came up to floor 10 at 2.30pm. There had been a further meeting in the Education department earlier this week 18.3.91 when a decision was taken that the behaviour in Norden Unit was considered to constitute child to child sexual abuse. The education department are therefore requesting Protocol interviews in relation to the relevant boys.

In view of the fact that the school has now closed for the Easter holidays I advised Mansoor that the department would take no action until there had been the opportunity of discussions with staff members after 8.4.91.

27.3.91 I.D. made aware of letter from Area Health.

3.4.91 Mrs. Hauton came to see I. D.

4.4.91 I. D. showed Area Health letter to J. B.

4.4.91 Meeting with Diane Cavanagh and Ian Davey following Mrs. Hawtons intervention. Agreed to convene further meeting 11.4.91

9.4.91 Meeting at Heywood with Chris Spankie, Annie Dodds and Chris Wareing Manchester.

Agreed that [RO-A17] appeared to be the most appropriate boy to begin interviews with. J. B. agreed to re-contact school and education department. Chris Wareing would also talk to the school about [RO-A15]

9.4.91 T.C. from Liz Cotton trainer meeting arranged for 15.4.91

1.4.91 Meeting with Cliff Bentley, Marilyn Simpson, Richard Hammer, Mansoor Kazi, Brian Williams, Stephen Bradshaw, Duncan Eaton and Janet Bowyer.

Janet Bowyer explained the situation in relation to Protocol interviews and that we needed to identify one or two 'victims' to initiate the process. This was assigned to Stephen Bradshaw and Duncan Eaton.

The investigation was not to be resource united but I did point out that it may be that none of the boys identified may be able or willing to provide information.

Cliff Bentley wanted all the boys in the school interviewed. I explained that this was neither appropriate or necessary.

I also pointed out that members of staff had again be telling 'their story' to outsiders which was in my view not necessary and could lead to an investigation by media which would prove to be in no-ones best interest.

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Stephen Bradshaw confirmed that staff would be told not to discuss the situation further outside the school.

Boys identified by Stephen Bradshaw. [RO-A14] [RO-A11] and [RO-A15] [RO-A15]. However these are not considered to be victims. Knowl View to prepare relevant information for SSD.

15.4.91 Home visit to Liz Cotton. Liz had been an external trainer on a basic child abuse training day. She soon became aware that the staff groups from Knowl View had come with their own agenda.

After the initial session on Sexual Abuse the group began to unfold their story once again.

Liz advised them that they had been taken seriously and that they must follow the procedures.

Liz would be prepared to go into Knowl View and do some further training with them. She was very concerned that their responses and management was not altogether appropriate

16.4.91 I.D. sent reply to Mrs. Hawtons letter. - copy on I.D. pinks file.

22.4.91 J. B. to Knowl View school.
S. Bradshaw and Duncan Eaton present. They provided notes in respect of [RO-A15] and [RO-A11]. Still no clear allegations
Also discussed lack of knowledge about ACPC training opportunities.

23.4.91 Referred information to Chris Wareing Social Worker, Manchester. He will arrange to talk to [RO-A15].

23.4.91 Telephone message left for Chris Spankie.

24.4.91 Memo to Chris Spankie.