

10 to 13 years and Bamford took boys aged between 7 and 10 years. The boys all mainly came from poor backgrounds and were known as EBD, which stood for Educational and Behavioural Difficulties. They would probably be diagnosed as having A.D.H.D. or under the Autistic Spectrum these days. The school took boys from various Boroughs some of whom were Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale, Lancashire including Blackpool, who's authorities all helped to fund the school. I worked in Egerton House - all the time I was working at Knowl View School.

Mr. Cyril Smith did attend the school at times and in my opinion they nearly always coincided with times when the boys had just had a shower or bath and were in various stages of undress. These were generally Governor's meetings. I have seen him at parties at the school when he had seven year old boys bouncing up and down on his knees. Although I felt uncomfortable watching this no one made any allegations to me as I would have taken action if they had. I was aware of rumours and innuendo relating to alleged abuse in Rochdale in general..

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1994, I was on sleep over duty and at about 11pm to midnight the alarm went off on the Bamford unit. I went to the sleeping area where I found a boy called [RO-A46], screaming crying shaking and very upset. He [RO-A46] said a shadow had appeared and a hand had touched him under the covers. He could not give me a description other than a tall person in black. Two other boys, [RO-B61] and [RO-B62], did see the man and from the description they supplied I knew it had been Harry Wild. Wild was very distinctive being very tall always dressed immaculately with long black coat and highly polished boots/shoes. I called the police and two officers attended and the matter was reported as a crime. I filled out the proper incident logs and duty sheet. Wild should not have been there and I have no idea how he got in but I suspect he had keys. The Deputy Head, John Tyldsley should also have been on sleep over duty but was nowhere to be found. I heard no more about this incident.

Later on that year I was again on sleep over duty when I went looking for Mr. Tyldsley. On entering his office I found a box file with a lot of documents relating to the school. On reading

them I was astonished to find that my memory of the Val Mellor Report differed from the original report, which my colleagues (social workers and teachers) and myself had been shown earlier and that nothing had been done about it. I decided to copy the documents instead of sleeping as well as watching over the boys. I have supplied Greater Manchester Police with copies of the documents and produce them as my exhibits. In chronological order they are :

Exhibit MD/1 – AIDS Report (A report from Phil Shepherd from Rochdale Health Authority AIDS Unit, dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 1991,)

Exhibit MD/2 – AIDS Unit Response Cavanagh (A response from Diane Cavanagh, Director of Education, dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 1991)

Exhibit MD/3 – AIDS Response Councillor Hawton (A response to a Councillor Hawton from I. Davey, Acting Director of Social Services)

Exhibit MD/4 – AIDS Response D. Cavanagh (A response to Mr. Shepherd from D. Cavanagh, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1991)

Exhibit MD/5 – Val Mellor report (A report by Val Mellor of Booth Hall Children's Hospital dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 1992)

Exhibit MD/6 – Letter sent all parents (A copy of a letter sent to parents from Mr. Bradshaw dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1992.)

Exhibit MD/7 – Letter of complaint sent to D. Cavanagh signed by all staff (A letter of complaint dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 1992 signed by all staff at Knowl View School addressed to Mrs. Cavanagh.)

Exhibit MD/8 – Director of Education report (A report by the Director of Education, Diane Cavanagh, dated June 1992)

Exhibit MD/9 – Complimentary letter S. Bradshaw to D. Cavanagh (A letter/memo from Harry Wild to S. Bradshaw dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 1992)

Exhibit MD/10 – Letter from H. Wild Budget Proposal (A letter complimenting Ms. Cavanagh from the acting head of school, Steve Bradshaw, dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 1992)