

118. In 2014 GMP conducted a review following the publication of Simon Danczuk's book about Cyril Smith (Document 50).¹⁰ On 4 May a report was produced into investigations into historic child abuse and Greater Manchester care homes (Document 69) and Gold meetings were held in April 2014 and May (Documents 67 and 68)

13. My views on the Lancashire Constabulary investigations

119. The 1969 investigation was proportionate, detailed, had integrity and pursued all relevant lines of enquiry.

120. Whilst the investigation involved different officers at various times, it was progressed swiftly with a large number of witness statements obtained, before being passed onto the DPP for a charging decision.

121. There are several individuals who are named by the victims and witnesses who do not provide accounts. For some there is no evidence in the papers available of attempts being made to contact them for example RO-A78 (mentioned by RO-A50 and **RO-A4** (mentioned by the Sailles), but attempts to trace RO-A66 were unsuccessful.

122. The statement of Reverend Potter may not have been sent to the DPP and DSupt Leach may not have been aware of it as it does not appear in the index document or the report (documents 3 and 4). I do not consider that the statement from Reverend Potter was particularly relevant and believe that it was unlikely to alter the views of the DPP at that time who expressed concern with the young men whose evidence was described as likely to be "suspect" making "somewhat stale"

¹⁰ Our copy of this documents was held by PSD and has been annotated by DI Vicki Evans