

Serious incidents 27/29 Jan 1984 contd

Tues. 7th Feb.

11 a.m. Discussed the situation with Mrs. Lyons in person in my office. She was disturbed but satisfied that things were under control. She was keen that the boys were examined by G.P.

1.10 p.m. Asked Mr. Digan to make certain that [RO-B330] and [RO-B329] were taken to G.P.

3.30 p.m. [RO-B330] and [RO-B329] were seen by Dr. Hudson at Spotland who declared them free from infection and was satisfied that no penetration had occurred.

Drafted full account with observations for staff.

D.S. Andy Waller 'phoned in answer to my several 'phone calls to him. He said that the Police were proceeding with one specimen charge of indecent assault [RO-B329] and two t.i.c.'s ([RO-B330]). They anticipated small fine, probation and minimum publicity. No names could be mentioned by law relating to juveniles. Could have preferred charges against five Knowl View boys. Confirmed that Hilton was afraid of [RO-B328] and [RO-B47] and also that [RO-B47] had threatened Hilton with a knife. Also said that Police had sufficient evidence to charge Knowl View boys with other offences such as blackmail, procuring, if they so wished.

Wednesday, 8th Feb.

a.m. Telephoned Alice Handley, EWO Burnley, to discuss the matter appropos [RO-B330]. She was firmly of the opinion that [RO-B330] would be physically beaten if his father was informed. She also thought that there was a distinct possibility that [Father] would remove [RO-B330] from residential education. On this advice decided to withhold telling [RO-B330] parents for time being.

Thurs. 9th Feb.

a.m. Telephoned Derek Miller, social worker/[RO-B328]. Discussed matter with him. He said he would talk to [Name Redacted] about it.

p.m. Case conference at Garth House - informed conference of [RO-A88] involvement - considered it wise not to involve [Mother]

Frid. 10th Feb.

Jan Judson, Bolton Soc. Services, telephoned - cross about not being informed. Confusion had arisen with regard to the fact that Jane Judson works from Paderborn House i.e. education dept. address. Thought that she was concerned with connected with education dept. Apologised.

[RO-B47] reported that he and [RO-B328] had seen Hilton at Greenbooth power station fire. Hilton was reported to have given [RO-B328] a cigarette.

9.30 p.m. Two boys - known to me through friendship with my younger son - came to my door to inform me that Hilton had made threats about coming to school with a knife. They said that he was drunk. Informed duty staff and made sure that a male m.o.s. went round to check security.

Dr. Ross responded by letter dated 15th Feb. 1984