

- Mr. Bentley asked if Mrs. Mellor could identify where communications were breaking down.
- Mr. Edmonds considered that the situation among staff at Knowl View mirrored that in an abusing family.
- Mrs. Mellor expressed view that there were positive signs staff were willing to meet with her to discuss the situation.
- Mr. Bradshaw said that Care Staff at Knowl View felt that they were treated as second class citizens by the Authority as evidenced by the fact that funding was provided for training teachers but not themselves.
- Mrs. Taylor reported receipt of 'phone call from Knowl View in September 1990 on the Friday after the intruder had come into school. She had assumed that it was the Headteacher who did not seem to know what to do or who to contact. She discussed the matter with him for half an hour and had concluded by advising him to report the incident to the Police.
- Mrs. Mellor noted that before the intruder came into school it was known that he was encouraging boys to meet him by a clump of trees just outside the grounds, but the boys did not seem to have been warned. He was later found to be on the school roof. The incident seems only to have been mentioned in passing. Why had staff not made a major issue of these incidents?
- Mr. Bentley reported that when he and Mr. Williams had interviewed the staff following the intruder's visit, staff had seemed surprised at questions about whether there had been a staff meeting to discuss the incident.
- Mrs. Mellor stated that she had heard suggestions that certain senior staff on sleeping in duty had in fact gone home on occasions. She thought that some pupils may also have been inappropriately placed. RO-A11 (Manchester LEA) had been in Prestwich Hospital prior to admission to Knowl View and there were full reports on his background but Care Staff had not been made aware of the problems. It was noted that a 7 year old pupil had been placed in a unit with older boys.
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- Mr. Bradshaw said that on arrival he had found that there was no system for recording incidents.
- Mr. Edmonds said that the Rochdale Area Child Protection Committee had organised training days. Knowl View Care Staff had attended but no teachers.
- Miss Simpson expressed the view that the climate of confidence at Knowl View was improving.