

Full story

As far back as 1981 and Matt Ingoe a Governor can remember incidents when Mr Taylor was Head.

The circumstances surrounding the school were not one isolated incident, it was a culture and the 'Hilton' incident was symptomatic of that culture.

We can all look for someone to blame but it was a collective responsibility, maybe through ignorance. Staff should have been aware of what was going on.

Summer 90 Incidents of sexual experimentation came to light in Ashworth and Norden.

Ashworth;

RO-A10  
RO-A24  
RO-A12  
RO-A18  
RO-A13  
RO-A89

to a lesser extent;

RO-B18  
RO-B17  
RO-A27

Norden;

RO-A11  
RO-A14  
RO-A15  
RO-A16

RO-A17

to a lesser extent;

RO-A20  
RO-A18

The details of there involvement I will give verbally.

Mistakes made ; This is probably the first time all the information has been available to all staff.

WHY?

Staff were not on site when they should have been sleeping in,  
not on site when they should have been on senior cover,

NO information given to the staff

No collation of information

No dissemination of information.

Access to Lyons - Hilton,  
See memo with S. Bag.

Caretaker's role What was it in all this why the emphasis in Val Mellor's report.

The actual Hilton Information;

Hilton a known sex offender was encouraged, or at least not discouraged from visiting Knowl View.

He frequented the wooded area where children were allowed to play.

He had on a number of occasions been allowed to sleep in the minibus and actually in the school and club room, with the knowledge of staff.

The actual incident occurred over two nights;

The first Hilton visited with booze and cigarettes and the boys went down to the club room and 'partied' sexual games etc. Hilton probably slept in the club room after the kids returned to bed.

The second night the boys were shattered and went to sleep fairly early but Hilton was let in and slept under [RO-A14]'s bed, waking up to sexually abuse [RO-A14] and anyone else that was available.

details then get cloudy, I don't know whether or not Hilton was charged but he certainly was put on probation and as part of his bail condition he was not allowed on site.

Hilton is now serving three years sentence for abusing children in the Bamford area, using the technique of having a small puppy with him and a bag of sweets or fags and offering the puppy or sweets or fags in return for sexual favours, usually oral sex.

The routine now established in Norden and Ashworth continued.

Sexual games in the toilets and a way of earning extra cash.

Norden were involved in fairly heavy mutual masturbation, oral sex sessions

These events were still going on as late as Jan / Feb 1991

M. Simpson / B. Williams Day after  
Briefer -  
Name of information - Debenham  
Parent - Parent not to know to be told - [RO-A14]  
Bore Williams said he would tell prob

Points for full staff meeting,

Job Descriptions

Lets look like a school

professional group of staff

Pride in areas

Individuals responsible for certain areas.

Governors report, how to inform parents.

New cliques replacing old cliques.

we need a team to go forward and if staff don't want to be part of that team they should make the decision to go and not stay and sabotage the system.

Knowl View School reminds me of the Peter Sellars film "I'm alright Jack" about the Unions, That no one wanted to do any extra in case they lost there 'street cred'.

Staff started out doing as little as possible and getting paid as much as possible.

We have got to get down to some serious work and improve areas such as punctuality, commitment, planning, recording. etc..

Responsibility over guilt we need to accept that we were responsible for events that happened and we are responsible for certain areas .

To assist and clarify thes areas I am proposing to go back to rewrite job descriptions and clearly define what is expected of individuals.

NOT WHIPCRACKING

NOT BLACK / WHITE

OLD / NEW.