

CONFIDENTIAL FILE NOTES

HOME VISIT CONDUCTED ON 13.8.92 TO INTERVIEW [RO-A18] AND [Mother]

[Mother] stated that [RO-A18]'s behaviour is difficult to handle at times but is manageable most of the time. Several weeks ago [RO-A18] came off his bike, damaged his foot and was detained in hospital. His foot was dressed and it was essential that he rested it and kept the bandages in place. Following a disagreement with his mother over spending money, [RO-A18] proceeded to take the bandages off and then smashed a window with a hammer. [Mother] then contacted social services to request a social worker. A meeting was set up on Tuesday 4th August 1992 to discuss this. [Mother] did not attend. She said that she had not been notified. A further meeting is to be conducted on 25th August.

PS discussed possible future school with [RO-A18]. [RO-A18] stated very clearly that he will not attend Brownhill or Knowl View. [Mother] would be agreeable to [RO-A18] attending Brownhill. [RO-A18] would not give any specific reasons why he will not attend Brownhill. He simply stated that he wants to attend a mainstream school. At the present time, [RO-A18] is spending a lot of time with boys who live locally who have been suspended from school.

[RO-A18] was offered counselling for the sexual abuse which took place in 1989. He went for one session at Booth Hall and has failed to attend since.

Date: 3 August 1992.

RO-A18 - D.O.B. [DPA] 77
 DPA - Telephone: 061 [DPA]

[RO-A18] ex [DPA] - Indefinite Suspension because he took a pick axe handle into School for protection from a 16 year old homosexual that he had previously seen with a younger boy.

He was statemented to attend Knowl View.

He has not been in School since April 1991 except for 1 day in November, 1991. The reason for his absence was threats of bullying due to him witnessing sex abuse of pupils on other pupils. When [RO-A18] started at Knowl View he worked well and attended well. After the bullying [RO-A18] wanted to attend Main Stream School, preferably Moorclose High School. His Education Psychologist wanted [RO-A18] to try to attend Brown Hill Special School for a period of 3 or 6 months before going into Main Stream School.

I took [RO-A18] and his Mother for counselling from Val Mellor at Booth Hall Hospital.

I referred [RO-A18] to the home tuition service on 3.7.91 but he was not granted this.

We had three meetings at Knowl View to discuss [RO-A18]. His Mother asked Knowl View to remove the abuser then [RO-A18] would return. School felt this was inappropriate.

I took [RO-A18] and Mother to Brown Hill School, but [RO-A18] was not keen. It was thought they would accept the place - Joanne Edmondson E.W.O. took over the School.

Joanne attended a meeting at Middleton High School with [RO-A18]'s Mother, Paul Southworth and two Head Teachers. The consensus opinion was that [RO-A18] was not ready for Main Stream Education.

The situation now is that [RO-A18] is on roll at Knowl View. He has the offer of a place at Brown Hill - (Ed. Psy. said his I.Q. is 85, he has not got learning difficulties). At Brown Hill they do G.C.S.E exams.

30.7.92 - I spoke to Mother, she said [RO-A18] is not going to Knowl View because of all the sexual abuse reported in the press. She said neither she or [RO-A18] wanted Brown Hill because she felt "he would not fit in with those retarded people". I told her they did G.C.S.E. exams there.

She said [RO-A18]'s behaviour has gone worse at home, he often has tantrums and smashes windows.

3.8.92 - I spoke to Ed. Psy. Paul Southworth. He said Mother has a legal right to request [RO-A18] to be re-assessed but this could take 6 months. He wanted to know if [RO-A18]'s behaviour has gone worse at home because if this is the case then a possible referral to Residential School may be more appropriate than a day placement. He needs to consult with Richard Flammer after he returns from holiday in 2 weeks time.

Does Mother feel a day school would help his behaviour at home or does he need residential school?

I told him Mother was adamant that he would not attend Knowl View.

If [RO-A18] will give Brown Hill School a chance then he could possibly then move into Main Stream at his re-assessment in about 6 months time. He would go by taxi to and from Brown Hill.

[RO-A18]'s History

Brother - [Sibling], 11 years at [DPA].
Education Psychologist - Paul Southworth - [DPA]
Clinical Psychologist - Val Mellor - 061 741 5032
(Booth Hall Hospital).

He was suspended from [DPA] because he took a pick axe handle into school.

He witnessed sexual happening in a field.

He witnessed sexual happenings at Knowl View.

[RO-A18] likes motor bikes and hopes to be a motor mechanic when he leaves school.

ADDENDUM

4.8.92 - Joint visit with Christine Crewe, my Senior to see Mother. The meeting had been arranged for 10.00 a.m., but I telephoned and changed the time to 9.30 a.m. because of a following meeting at Social Services at 10.15 a.m.

I contacted Annie Dodd on the 3rd of August and was told that the Decision Meeting was arranged for 4th at 10.15 a.m.

My Senior and I called at 9.30 a.m. - no reply. We went and telephoned the house. [RO-A18] answered, said Mother gone out.

We called again at 10.00 a.m. but only [RO-A18] and [Sibling] were in. Senior and I went to meeting with Janet Vinter, Social Services. Feeling was that Mother could be avoiding contact.

Agreed [RO-A18] Statement should be reviewed possibly at home or Hind Hill Street.

We called back at [RO-A18]'s and brother said Mother in bed. Mother came down in nightwear. Said she missed us because she had to go to Post Office. [RO-A18] was adamant he will not go to Brown Hill School.

Mother later said - [RO-A18] would attend Summerseat School in Bury. He has told her he will attend this School.

[RO-A18] said he wants to go to a NORMAL School. He appears to include Summerseat School in this category because a friend of his has been there.

What arrangements does Paul Southworth need to review [RO-A18]'s Statement.

- Mother now got 17 year old youth living with them.

- Mother told of next meeting at Social Services on 25 August, Tuesday at 10.15 a.m. I said I would collect both her and [RO-A18] at 10.00 a.m. I left a card with this information on.

- Mother told to telephone Social Services and explain her reason for missing the meeting today.

Hilary Marsh
Education Welfare Officer.