

16. Again, the 2016 allegations were not made to me.

e. Which organisations (including institutions of the Roman Catholic Church) were involved in investigating or considering the allegations and what involvement did Abbot [RC-F17] have with them;

17. With regard to the [RC-A164] allegations, an internal investigation was undertaken in consultation with Mrs Margaret Croft of North Yorkshire Social Services. The matter was referred to the LADO ultimately who considered it and recorded that the allegations had been falsely made.

18. A multiagency meeting took place in relation to the [RC-A77] allegations; the statutory authorities were notified of the allegations before Ampleforth.

19. With regard to the 2016 allegations, I was investigated by North Yorkshire Police who concluded, on 2 November 2016, that there was no evidence to support a referral to the Crown Prosecution Service and no prospect of securing any conviction.

20. I have subsequently been subject to a Church risk assessment process which, at the time of making this statement one year later, has not concluded.

21. I have had no involvement in any of the investigations other than submitting to any investigatory process undertaken by the statutory authorities or Church bodies.

f. What was the outcome of the allegations;

22. As I note above, the [RC-A164] allegations were found to have been falsely made.

23. The [RC-A77] allegations were found to be unfounded.

24. As to the 2016 allegations, the Police concluded that no further action should be taken though, as already noted, the Church process remains ongoing.

g. Were any restrictions or covenant of care placed on Abbot [RC-F17], are any restrictions still in place, if so, why?

25. No restrictions were placed on me as a result of the [RC-A164] or [RC-A77] allegations, indeed, in both instances, the matters had been resolved prior to me being notified that allegations had been made.

26. As to the 2016 allegations, I immediately and voluntarily handed my power as Religious Superior of Ampleforth to my Prior, Fr Terence Richardson on [DPA] 2016. I left Ampleforth on [DPA] 2016 at the request of the Prior and Council and following a brief stay with a relative, have resided at [DPA] ever since, [DPA] miles from Ampleforth.

27. I am subject to a covenant of care (dated February 2017), imposed by Abbot President Richard Yeo, which sets out the following conditions:-

a) Restricted public ministry;