

31 January 1994

NOTES OF MEETING 27TH JANUARY 1994 - SOCIAL SERVICES CLAIMS

**THOSE PRESENT:-**

Tony Dewhurst - Social Services

Rod Jones - Social Services

Norman Hanson - Social Services

David Spicer - Legal Section Childcare

Bill Sulman - Insurance

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To discuss all Social Services child related and abuse cases and to set up a continuing meeting to monitor this situation.

We discussed the following claims:-

1) NO-A89 5/970 ] 0

Browne Jacobson now have all files - the final file being given to them recently by Norman Hanson. Browne Jacobson are to attempt a negotiation and it appears the date for the civil action is 21st March. Confidential has been paid into Court but has not as yet been accepted by the other side. Bill is to ask Browne Jacobson for more information in regard to the trial dates and who should be attending.

2) NO-A90

All files now with Browne Jacobson. They are in discussions in regard to which documents may be released and there will no doubt be a hearing in the near future. Two members of staff had already made statements to the Third Party Solicitors together with one ex-employee. Insurers have confirmed that they will indemnify us. Browne Jacobson are to talk with Hunt Dickens to try and obtain copies of the statements. Staff have now been told not to respond to any approaches from the Third Party Solicitors without obtaining advice from Browne Jacobson. Bill is to ask Browne Jacobson for the next expected date of the disclosure hearing and the criminal trial and again is to ask who should be present.

\* By way of a footnote Social Services are amending their internal report - or at least just one very small part of it which is disputed by a member of staff just in regard to the roles of the social workers involved. This is not a substantive issue and will not affect any insurance related matters but Rod Jones will give a note of the change to Bill Sulman.