

Witness Name: Jim McLaughlin
Statement No.: 2
Exhibits:
Dated:

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Supplementary Witness Statement of Jim McLaughlin

1. Further to my previous statement I omitted that my resignation letter, which I believe to have been handwritten and 5 pages long, was sent to both the homes manager Hazel Kerr and to Norman Caudell the Director Of Social Services. I received no response from either. I was at that point I recall on sick leave due to the stress I had suffered as a result of my experiences so that was my last contact with the department until I worked at Caudwell House in Southwell a few years later by which time I had obtained my CQSW .
2. My resignation letter which I kept a copy of for several years (but unfortunately was probably lost in our last house move 18 years ago) went into many of the issues I had encountered whilst a peripatetic residential social worker in the city division.
3. I detailed a lot of the problems that had been relayed to me by staff which were known about by management and yet had not been acted on or had been acted on in appropriately. I also detailed a lot of what I had personally had to deal particularly my final experience being asked to run Greencroft as an unqualified worker with all the issues that that home appeared to have at the time. Due to the length of time intervening it is obviously hard to remember the detail, but I know I mentioned the fact that it was well known amongst the staff I encountered what had happened with **Name Redacted** **Restriction Order** and the departments response was to absolve itself of responsibility and allow him to go and work elsewhere. The fact that you were as a peripatetic meant to be a senior member of staff yet in many homes you weren't allowed to see the young people's files and so had no idea what you might be dealing making the job almost impossible to do with any degree of professionalism .
4. I didn't expect a response to my resignation letter and so was not at all surprised to not receive one

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:

DPA

Dated: 27/07/18