

Witness Name: David Fisher

Statement No.: 2

Exhibits:

Dated: 17th August 2018

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Second Witness Statement of David Fisher

I, David Fisher, will say as follows:-

Introduction.

1. I write further to my first statement dated 12th July 2018, in response to the Inquiry's Rule 9 request dated 30th July 2018 to provide further information in respect of the matters noted below.

Response to Allegations of Sexual Abuse against Norman Campbell (NCC003074-1).

2. I have read the documentation provided to me by the Inquiry and I have no recollection of my involvement in the response to the allegations of sexual abuse made against Norman Campbell. I understand that I am noted as being present at the meeting referred to in Tony Dewhurst's Memorandum dated 13th November 1991, however, I have no recollection of this meeting. I have no knowledge of the joint investigation referred to by the Inquiry and I therefore do not have a view as to whether the concerns noted were justified. I have no knowledge of whether or how the concerns highlighted were addressed in any subsequent joint investigations.

Interest Group regarding Sexual Abuse (Re: DFE000706).

3. The interest group referred to in documents DFE000706-1 and DFE000707-8 are the ones that I refer to in paragraphs 30 to 41 of my first witness statement dated 12th July 2018.

The Report of The First Nottinghamshire Multi-Disciplinary Group For Adolescent Male Sex Offenders. (Re: DFE000707)

4. I have read the documents DFE000707 and I am confused as to the relevance of document DFE000707-1.

5. I regret that my memory in relation to the matters raised in documents DFE000707-3 to

DFE000707-11 is extremely lacking. I do not remember my involvement in the work leading to the production of the report of the first Nottinghamshire Multi-Disciplinary Group for Adolescent Male Sex Offenders, nor do I remember who the report was shared with. I do not remember if any action was taken by those who received the report, nor do I have any recollection of any subsequent reports.

The Adolescent Sex Offender Interest Group Newsletter: 'Working with Adolescent Sex Offenders.' (Re: DFE000707 and DFE000706).

6. I do not remember being approached for support offered in the Newsletter dated 24th January 1990. I was however asked for assistance by the Team investigating what I have a vague memory of as being known as the 'Broxtowe Case', to give a young man with learning difficulties who had emerged from their enquiries, some support. I cannot remember any dates/details so would not link this request to documents DFE000707-8 and DFE000706-1.
7. In relation to the reference to the Training Day in the Adolescent Sex Offender Interest Group Newsletter, I cannot remember the content in any detail but I assume it would have been a general introduction and it would have been open to all those interested in furthering their knowledge of the subject.

Paper: 'The Way Forward.' (Re: DFE000707).

8. I regret that I do not recollect the nature of the presentation of the paper 'The Way Forward', nor do I remember who made the presentation or who received it. I would guess that it was passed to the Assistant Director of Children Services and those responsible for Juvenile Justice. I regret that I do not recollect any response to this document.

Document DFE000662_15 and the Discussion Paper for Procedures and Adolescent Sex Offenders in Nottinghamshire.

9. I have no recollection of the consultation with agency representatives from the ACPC. I do not believe that I was directly involved, nor am I aware of any response to the discussion paper.
10. I had no knowledge of the discussion paper being passed to Kathleen Taylor nor any response. Until preparing this statement I had not heard of Kathleen Taylor who I now presume to have been a member of the Social Services Inspectorate.
11. I regret that I have no knowledge of whether any of the recommendations in the discussion paper were implemented or not.

General Point

12. I regret that my memory does not allow me to be more helpful. The documents provided for my second statement do jog my memory somewhat but not to the extent that I think I can make an authoritative contribution.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed: **DPA**

Dated: 17th August 1918

