

Witness Name: Margaret Mackechnie

Statement No: 2

Exhibits:

Dated: 2nd October 2019

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness statement of MARGARET MACKECHNIE

I, Margaret Mackechnie, will say as follows:-

1. I make this second statement in response to the statement from Michelle Foster to IICSA dated 13th September 2018..
2. I first saw the statement from Michelle Foster on Sunday 30th September. I did not know that Ms Foster was making a statement for this investigation.
3. In paragraphs 62 to 67 of her statement, Ms Foster alleges that:
 - a. I said to her that when she gave evidence at the inquest into the death of a child who had been placed at Beechwood, she should not say anything about children at Beechwood having sex there;
 - b. I said that if she told the Inquest that children at Beechwood were having sex and taking drugs she would lose her job;
 - c. I told Ms Foster not to watch the rest of the Inquest after she had given evidence.
4. I deny those allegations entirely. They are completely untrue.
5. The allegations now put forward by Ms Foster have not been put to me before, either by Ms Foster or by anyone else.

6. I have not seen any documents that support Ms Foster's allegations, and I do not believe there are any.

Statement of truth

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

Signed

DPA

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