

Decision 146

Victim: FORMER RESIDENTS OF BEECHWOOD CHILDRENS HOME

OFFICER MAKING DECISION: DI DALES

DATE OF DECISION: 19/08/2013

TIME OF DECISION

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I have made the decision not to approach ex-residents that are not specifically named by victim(s) in phase 3, even where they are known to have resided in the home at the same time as a victim.

REASON

As a result of enquiries made on the registers of admissions and discharges I have established details of other ex-residents in the home at the same time as the victims in phase 3. The figure exceeds 300 persons and does not include everyone either because of missing data or because some victims in phase 3 have only recently come to my attention.

It is not be proportionate to contact each and every one of these persons. Following the guidance in the public consultation draft on complex enquiries from the College of Policing, I have adopted an intelligence led approach in order to avoid any suggestion of 'trawling' in an illogical, illegal or unprofessional manner. I have also taken advice from an experienced SIO in making this decision.