

Witness Name: Steve Edwards

Statement No.: 2

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Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

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### Second Witness Statement of Steve Edwards

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I, Steve Edwards, will say as follows:-

1. I write further to my first statement dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018, in response to the Inquiry's Rule 9 request dated 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to provide further information regarding my involvement in the Survivors Support Meetings.
2. The Inquiry is kindly informed that I was not involved in the formation of the Survivors Support Meetings, nor have I attended or been involved in any of the Survivors Support Meetings. I am therefore unable to respond to questions a. to e. However, I understand that the Survivors Support Meetings continue to take place.
3. I have met with survivors of historical abuse in a variety of different work related circumstances, often as a consequence of my line management responsibility for the Historical Abuse Team. It has been through this direct contact with individual survivors that three survivors of abuse have kindly agreed to share their personal reflections of their experiences with Social Workers and Managers, as I set out in paragraphs 32 and 33 of my first statement.
4. Of the three survivors of abuse who have worked with Social Workers and Managers, one of them has undertaken majority of the contact with Social Workers and Managers and will again be meeting with newly qualified Social Workers in November this year.

**Statement of Truth**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ **DPA** \_\_\_\_\_

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