

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA)
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILS INVESTIGATION

BEFORE CHAIR PROFESSOR ALEXIS JAY OBE

CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILS

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I attended every day and session of the inquiry except the last day. I decided not to attend the last day as was so disappointed and frustrated by the inquiry that I could not face it. When I read the programme of the 15 days I felt then it should have been named The Beechwood Inquiry and replied such to my legal representatives. Sadly with hindsight my prediction was more or less borne out

Additionally, having listened to the core participants who gave evidence in person I am annoyed that I was not called to give evidence for the following reasons. I as far as I can tell am unique in that I have survived all 3 strands. Peer on peer, foster care and children's homes. Also I have been denied justice by the CPS due to a flawed psychiatric report commissioned by the Police in which the author lied about his post Mims. Further to be let down when the Police shared details of the psychiatric report with social services, a report on my suitability as a witness in a criminal trial. Which, was then used reject my application for a chaperone licence. I have never been in trouble with the police and have brought up my own children. But I am not deemed safe to be a chaperone because I have mental health difficulties due to being abused sexually as a child. Even though I have never been given any medication, treatment or sectioning. The institutional abuse continues...

In relation to being raped in foster care I was called a "Invertebrate liar" as was disbelieved. When examined by a police surgeon I was described as "IN Tact" this was at the age of 13. Strange then that on my medical notes had 2 positive pregnancy tests at the age of 10 and also 1 at the age of 12 the former of which was 3 years after coming in to the so called care of Nottinghamshire County Council. I don't know what happened with the pregnancy at 10 – but I do have a sister who is 11 years younger than me – I don't remember my mum being pregnant. I wonder if I am the mother? I wonder if this is the reason I have terrible gynaecological problems?

I would ask the inquiry to make the proposal that providers are held corporately liable. I still believe that there is widespread abuse in the care systems – perhaps not on the industrial scale sex abuse in children's homes historically. But still safeguarding does not work and the so called independence of department led inspections and chairs stands as a mockery to intelligence and frustrations of its customers or rather survivors.

I teach safeguarding, I go in to care homes, I know, I report. Safeguarding today is not working reliably and is not fit for purpose. The care system is broken

I however thank the enquiry and indeed the survivors group for bringing the spotlight to Nottingham and its shire.

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