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SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

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This enquiry was referred to Police on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2002. It was referred via social services and relates to a child in foster care: **NO-A607** 14 years.

**NO-A607** was placed in the care of [ ] and **Name Redacted** on **DPA** 2002 at **DPA**

**DPA** Already living at that address were several other boys in foster care:-

**Name Redacted** 15 years, **Name Redacted** 16 years, **NO-A608** 17 years and **Child** 17

years.

**Child** and **NO-A607** shared a bedroom together.

**NO-A607** is alleging that he has been indecently assaulted and had acts of gross indecency

committed on him during the time he and **Child** shared the bedroom.

He states this started soon after he moved in.

The first people he disclosed this to were **NO-A608** and a boy named **Name Redacted** who lived at another address also in foster care. **Name Redacted** is now living in **DPA**

**NO-A608** then told **Name Redacted** **Irrelevant**

**Irrelevant** He is adamant that only he and **NO-A607** were present when the disclosure was made, although **Name Redacted** confirms that **Name Redacted** was also there.

**Child** has been arrested and interviewed. He has denied all the allegations. He has stated that he has not committed any of the acts spoken about by **NO-A607**. Any comments that

**NO-A607** has attributed to **Child** i.e. a conversation about **Child** saying he was bi-sexual,

**Child** has attributed to **NO-A607**. He has said almost exactly the same things but said that it was

**NO-A607** who originally said them not him.



[Name Redacted] states that [Child] has admitted to her that acts have taken place between himself and [NO-A607] but he said that it was at [NO-A607]'s instigation and that [NO-A607] has asked [Child] to masturbate him and to have sex with him. [Name Redacted] has kept a written record of these comments as she is required to do in accordance with her role as foster carer.

[Child] has had previous referrals about him in the past. [Irrelevant]

[Irrelevant]

[NO-A608] made disclosure to [Name Redacted] in 2001 that an incident had occurred between himself and [Child] when the boys had masturbated each other whilst sleeping together outside in the garden. This had been reported to the social services but not to the Police as it was deemed to be a 'consenting' act.

[NO-A608] could provide evidence of recent complaint but his evidence would be undermined because he has himself been a victim of sexual abuse in the past, [Irrelevant]

[Irrelevant]

It appears that discussions about sexual activity have taken place between the boys.

This case would be very difficult to prove at court. [NO-A607] is not a particularly strong witness, he has learning difficulties and he has a short attention span.

Also, at the end of his interview [NO-A607] says he would not like to see [Child] go to Court.

He says that he thinks he needs some help. [Child] moved out of the Fosters home when the allegations were made.

There are no other witnesses to the assaults that have taken place.

I feel that there is insufficient evidence to charge, there is no realistic chance of prosecution and the witness is unwilling to attend court. I therefore request that this offence remains recorded as undetected.

**DPA**

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