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Area Management And Greencroft Meeting 25.5.90  
Kids Being Abused By Kids.

Chair	Steve Weisz	-	Area Director
	Steve Thorpe		
	Tony Dewhurst	-	S.P.O
	Barbara Bradshaw		Liaison Officer
	Pete Ward		
	Trevor Silvester		Greencroft
	Nassim Iqbal		"
	Jean Hamilton		"
	Maggie Garfoot		"
	Bob Green		"
	Janet King		"
	Sandra McCormack		(Apologies sent)

The key theme was around victims becoming perpetrators within establishments. Problems in other establishments, no criticism aimed at staff. 40% residential care are victims of sexual abuse, 2/3 being girls. Sexual abuse victims in every residential home. 40% known perpetrators in care. Beds availability - having to take absconders beds in County.

Greencroft - sexual activities taking place after staff go to bed. The kids are in an abnormal environment open to abuse - abnormally sexualised behaviour. Counselling/groupwork has taken place with the kids, this needs to be ongoing. As part of an induction for young people entering care sex and sexuality need discussing on admission. Our protection role - disapproval set the climate for 'good parenting' models, we all need to have a common aim and give the same clear message to the kids. Staff feelings need discussing - an issue amongst staff on our own values. Consistency is paramount.

Teamwork

Knowledge

Need consensus of opinion

Work to be done between ourselves and together with the area.

Waking watch a possibility, to be discussed, sell it as a safety method not 'policing' method.

Greencroft need support network outside the area. Library at Clifton - sexual abuse reading - training. Tony Dewhurst to discuss.

Another meeting to be set up for evaluation in the near future?  
September.