

Witness Name: Denise Worth
Statement No.: 1
Exhibits: 2
Dated: 4/2/2019

THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Detective Chief Superintendent Denise Worth
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I am Denise Worth and I am a Detective Chief Superintendent appointed head of Cheshire Public Protection Directorate on 4th February 2019 in relation to the recent rule 9 request from IICSA, I can comment as follows :-

1. In October and November 2017 a section 21 notice was sent to Cheshire Constabulary by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse which required police forces to conduct searches of their records in a number of areas; this was in connection with the Westminster line of inquiry.
2. On 17th November 2017 Detective Inspector Stuart York provided details in a letter to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse of investigations involving persons of public prominence in Westminster linked to child sexual abuse. These details followed searches on a number of IT systems held by Cheshire Constabulary including Niche, Autonomy, CAVA, Aries, CORMS/FORMS, PNC, PND and media library as well as organisational memory. This response letter is provided as exhibit OHY003183.
3. In addition, Cheshire Constabulary have also provided details of the work requested by Superintendent John Armstrong in 2012, around Peter Morrison MP (now deceased). These details are provided as exhibit OHY006795 and dated 7th November 2017.
4. In 2015 Cheshire Constabulary Professional Standards Department sent details of previous work conducted into Peter Morrison MP to North Wales Police's Operation Pallial.
5. In response to a further Rule 9 request; further searches have been conducted in January 2019 to establish if Cheshire Constabulary has any information relating to allegations that Peter Morrison MP was arrested for any matters in Cheshire or that anyone may have intervened to prevent the natural course of justice and the matter was prevented from reaching the attention of the media. Again, Niche, Autonomy, CAVA, Aries and PNC have been checked with no records of Peter Morrison MP located.
6. At the time Peter Morrison was a member of parliament for Chester between 1974 and 1992 the Chief Constables for Cheshire Constabulary were Mr William Kelsall, between 1974-1977 (now deceased), George Edward Fenn (now deceased), between 1977 and 1984, and Mr David J Graham between 1984 and 1993.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed:

DPA

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