

Witness Name: Ian Colin Lucas

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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Witness Statement of Ian Colin Lucas

I, Ian Colin Lucas of DPA, will say as follows:-

1. From 1986 I was resident in Wrexham and was an active member of Wrexham Constituency Labour Party. In the period after the 1987 General Election I helped set up a Branch Labour Party with a number of other Labour Party colleagues in the Gresford, Rossett and Marford area of Wrexham.
2. One of the members who was involved in the Branch was Jane Leach. I do not remember anyone called Jane Lee being involved in the Branch. Along with Jane, I held a number of Branch offices in the period up to 1993 when I left the Branch area.
3. The branch was very active and we held monthly Branch meetings. It was normal for us to conduct the business and then go to the pub after the Branch meeting. I do remember that on one occasion, which may have been around 1988 or 1989, a member called Eileen Nederlof raised the question of Peter Morrison who was then the Conservative MP for Chester. I remember that Eileen was a journalist and worked in Chester. I cannot remember the specific circumstances of the conversation, except that Eileen was in a group of people and we all took part in the conversation. Eileen reported to us all an incident which occurred at Crewe railway station, when Peter Morrison had been arrested for some form of sexual offence. I cannot remember that the conversation was any more specific than that but this was of political interest because of the fact that our area was geographically adjacent to Chester which was seen as a competitive Parliamentary seat and Eileen said it was going to be reported.
4. The discussion was never part of any official business of the Branch.
5. I cannot remember any specific conversation concerning the incident although I do know that I had been expecting it to be reported in the local press but it was not.

6. I had no conversation with anyone in the Labour Party outside the group in Gresford, Rossett and Marford Labour Party concerning the matter and I did not think anything further of it at that time.
7. I had no contact at all with either Chester Labour Party or the National Labour Party at that time. I did not discuss the incident with anyone either in Chester Labour Party or the National Labour Party either at the time or subsequently.
8. I have no further knowledge of Peter Morrison or his conduct other than those matters which have been referred to in the public domain in the years since his death.

Statement of Truth

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

Signed: _____ **DPA** _____

Dated: 21/2/2019