

**SCOTTISH CHILD ABUSE INQUIRY**  
**RESPONSE TO SECTION 21 NOTICE –**  
**DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**PART D**

**ESTABLISHMENT: BELLEVUE, RUTHERGLEN**

# PART D

## Part D – Abuse and Response

The questions in Part D should be answered in respect of abuse or alleged abuse relating to the time frame 1930 to 17 December 2014 only.

### 5. Abuse

#### 5.1 Nature

- i. What was the nature of abuse and/or alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment, for example, sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse?

All the alleged abuse claims for Bellevue have been recorded as physical and emotional, and there is one allegation of sexual abuse.

#### 5.2 Extent

- i. What is the organisation/establishment's assessment of the scale and extent of abuse of children cared for at the establishment?

The organisation was unaware of any instances of abuse of children during the existence of the establishment.

Twenty six allegations of abuse were made between 1998 and 2000 after the closure of the establishment and only then did the organisation become aware of these accusations.

The organisation is shocked and saddened at the number and nature of allegations that have been made.

- ii. What is the basis of that assessment?

Please refer to the answer given above in 5.2 i

- iii. Against how many staff have complaints been made in relation to alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment?

Daughters of Charity	18 Sisters
Lay Staff	5 Lay Staff

- iv. How many staff have been convicted of, or admitted to, abuse of children cared for at the establishment?

None

- v. How many staff have been found by the organisation/establishment to have abused children cared for at the establishment?

None

- vi. In relation to questions iii – v above, what role did/do those members of staff had/have within the organisation/establishment?

18 were members of the Daughters of Charity who were responsible for groups of children with approximately 20 children in each group.

4 females were employed as Childcare assistants or housekeepers.

1 male employed as a Handyman

- vii. To what extent did abuse and/or alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment take place during off-site activities, trips and holidays?

There is one allegation of sexual assault on a coach trip

- viii. To what extent was abuse and/or alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment carried out by visitors and/or volunteers to the establishment?

None that the Daughters of Charity are aware of.

- ix. Have there been allegations of peer abuse?

None that the Daughters of Charity are aware of

### 5.3 Timing of Disclosure/Complaint

- i. When were disclosures and complaints of abuse and/or alleged abuse of children cared for at the establishment made to the organisation or establishment?

All the disclosures and complaints of abuse were made to the Daughters of Charity between 1998 and 2000.

- ii. To what extent were complaints and disclosures made while the abuse or alleged abuse was on-going or recent?

There were no complaints or disclosures made while the abuse or alleged abuse was on-going or recent

- iii. To what extent were/are complaints made many years after the alleged abuse i.e. about non-recent abuse?

All the complaints were made at least **37** years after the alleged abuse is said to have taken place.

- iv. Are there any patterns of note in terms of the timing/disclosure of abuse and/or alleged abuse?

In 1997, a series of newspaper articles about homes run by religious orders, including another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity – Smyllum, Lanark – was published in a Scottish newspaper. A copy of those articles are attached as Appendix 1.

Following those articles an influx of claimants came forward, the vast majority using a Solicitor named Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

All sought remuneration via civil court for the effects of the abuse they claim to have suffered.

Of the eighteen civil claims raised regarding Bellevue, none were taken forward to proof.

One civil case involving Smyllum Park was taken forward to preliminary proof. Lord Glennie found that the case was time barred. Shortly thereafter, nearly all other claimants agreed to decree of absolvitor. Those who did not, progressed their claims no further

#### 5.4. External Inspections

- i. What external inspections have been conducted relating to children cared for at establishment which considered issues relating to abuse and/or alleged abuse of children?

None, as Bellevue closed in 1961 prior to receipt of any complaints to the Daughters of Charity.

For each such external inspection please answer the following:

- ii. Who conducted the inspection? N/A
- iii. Why was the inspection conducted? N/A
- iv. When was the inspection conducted? N/A
- v. What was the outcome of the inspection in respect of any issues relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children? N/A
- vi. What was the organisation/establishment's response to the inspection and its outcome? N/A
- vii. Were recommendations made following the inspection? N/A
- viii. If so, what were the recommendations and were they implemented? N/A
- ix. If recommendations were not implemented, why not? N/A

### 5.5 External Investigations

- i. What external investigations have been conducted relating to children cared for at the establishment which have considered issues relating to abuse and/or alleged abuse of children?

None. Bellevue closed in 1981, 37 years prior to any complaints bring made.

For each such external investigation please answer the following:

- ii. Who conducted the investigation? N/A

- iii. Why was the investigation conducted? N/A
- iv. When was the investigation conducted? N/A
- v. What was the outcome of the investigation in respect of any issues relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children? N/A
- vi. What was the organisation/establishment's response to the investigation and its outcome? N/A
- vii. Were recommendations made following the investigation? N/A
- viii. If so, what were the recommendations and were they implemented? N/A
- ix. If recommendations were not implemented, why not? N/A

## 5.6 Response to External Inspections/Investigations

- i. What was the organisation's procedure/process for dealing with external inspections and/or investigations relating to abuse, and/or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment?

As the establishment was closed many years prior to any allegations of abuse being made, there were no external inspections relating to abuse.

Please see response to 5.4 and 5.5 above.

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- ii. What was the organisation's procedure/process for responding to the outcomes of such external inspections and/or investigations?

As stated above, no external inspections took place and the establishment was closed many years prior to the first allegation being made.

The Organisation responded to the allegations by instructing its own solicitor to deal with the claims made.

- iii. What was the organisation's procedure/process for implementing recommendations which followed from such external inspections and/or investigations?

There were no external investigations as the establishment closed many years prior to the allegations being made.

## 5.7 Impact

- i. What is known about the impact of abuse on those children cared for at the establishment who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?

From written statements, several claimants speak of the deep impact it has had on their personal and family life; difficulties in maintaining relationships, lack of emotional connection with others.

The organisation is very conscious of the lifelong impact that abuse has on any child, or person of any age, and the effect that abuse can have on the victims' wellbeing on every level.

- ii. Where does the organisation/establishment's knowledge/assessment of that impact come from?

The effect of abuse on a child/adult has been documented for many years, and in many of its pastoral services throughout the UK, members of the Organisation have encountered people still suffering from abuse inflicted from a variety of sources in early life.

- iii. What is known about the impact of abuse on the families of those children cared for at the establishment who were abused, or alleged to have been abused?

From written statements, several claimants speak of the deep impact it has had on their families; difficulties in maintaining relationships with partners, and the lack of emotional connection with children

- iv. Where does the organisation/establishment's knowledge/assessment of that impact come from?

As stated above, from the claimants written statements and also from pastoral work carried out throughout the UK by members of the Organisation.

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

**Yes.** The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** 

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1951 – 1957:** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation, having been a member of it for 17 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and also had 13 years of child care experience before working in Bellevue

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Reference is made to 5.8iii above. Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abuser?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1952 – 1954:** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 10 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and also had 8 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Reference is made to 5.8iii above. Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes, the organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1930 – 1952** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 6 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 4 years child car experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on 30.08.1966

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one

establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes, the organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1945 – 1957** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 9 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 7 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1952 – 1953** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 22 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 20 years' experience of child care prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1928 – 1951** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 3 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had one year's child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1954 – 1957** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 29 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 15 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** 

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1956 – 1957** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

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As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 18 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 8 years' experience in child care prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

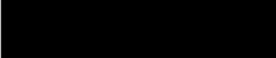
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## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** 

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1954 – 1958** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

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As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 37 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 18 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1941 – 1952** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 16 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 14 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her being 87 years of age.

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

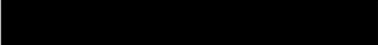
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## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** 

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1951 – 1961** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation having been a member of it for 8 years before being sent to the establishment.

She had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development) and had 6 years child care experience prior to working in Bellevue.

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

**Sister** 

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

**1937 – 1951** The years given as to when the alleged abuse took place

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

The role was that of House Mother - This involved being responsible for a group of children; caring for them, from getting them up in the morning, to putting them to bed at night.

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Please see Appendix 2

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

As a member of the Daughters of Charity (the Organisation) Sister [REDACTED] was well known to the Organisation before being sent to the establishment as she had undergone 2-3 years of initial training as a Daughter of Charity (personal development as well as scriptural, spiritual development).

During her time in the establishment, her work / life was monitored by the local superior.

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

No information was sought / given to any third party, as no allegation was ever made against Sister [REDACTED] [REDACTED] prior to her death on [REDACTED]

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

Sister [REDACTED] was moved, but not as a result of any abuse or alleged abuse. Moving a Sister from one establishment to another was and still is standard practice in the Organisation

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

[REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

There are no written employment records and thus no specific dates as to her period of work

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

Female lay employees covered the following roles, care assistant/teacher/housekeeping duties. There are no written employment records for [REDACTED]

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Unknown

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

Unknown

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

Unknown

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

No lay members of staff were moved from one establishment to another within the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

Miss [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

There are no written employment records and thus no specific dates as to her period of work

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

Female lay employees covered the following roles, care assistant/teacher/housekeeping duties. There are no written employment records for Miss [REDACTED]

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Unknown

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

Unknown

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

Unknown

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

No lay members of staff were moved from one establishment to another within the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

Miss [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

There are no written employment records and thus no specific dates as to her period of work

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

Female lay employees covered the following roles, care assistant/teacher/housekeeping duties. There are no written employment records for Miss [REDACTED]

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Unknown

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

Unknown

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

Unknown

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

No lay members of staff were moved from one establishment to another within the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?

Mr [REDACTED]

- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

There are no written employment records and thus no specific dates as to his period of work

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

A male employee would have been employed as a Handyman. There are no written employment records for Mr [REDACTED]

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Unknown

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

Unknown

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

Unknown

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

No lay members of staff were moved from one establishment to another within the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.8 Known Abusers at Establishment

- i. Does the organisation/establishment know of specific abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment?

Yes. The organisation knows of alleged abusers only.

- ii. If so, what are the names of the abusers, and/or alleged abusers?



- iii. For each of these persons, please provide as much as possible of the following information:

- the period (dates) during which they are known or alleged to have abused children cared for at the establishment

There are no written employment records and thus no specific dates as to her period of work

- the role they had in the organisation/establishment during the period of abuse and/or alleged abuse

Female lay employees covered the following roles, care assistant/teacher/housekeeping duties. There are no written employment records for 

- where they worked prior to, and following, their time at the organisation/establishment

Unknown

- the knowledge sought or received about them by the organisation/establishment at the point of recruitment, and while they were at the establishment

Unknown

- any information sought by, or provided to, future employers or third parties after they left the establishment, including regarding abuse or alleged abuse

Unknown

- iv. Were known abusers, or alleged abusers, of children cared for at the establishment moved from one establishment run by the organisation, to another establishment run by the organisation?

No lay members of staff were moved from one establishment to another within the Organisation.

There was no allegation of abuse during the lifespan of the establishments

- v. If so, why was this considered to be appropriate?

N/A

- vi. If so, what process of monitoring/supervision followed at the new establishment?

N/A

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

NB – The organisation received no complaints during the lifetime of the establishment. No separate complaints were made; the vast majority of “complaints” were in the form of a letter from Ross Harper solicitors and subsequently in most cases with a summons, as outlined in more detail below.

All letters, attachments, and summonses have been attached at Appendix 3.

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**May 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

### July 1947 – Oct/Nov 1953

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**July 1947 – March 1953**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue. There were no summons.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was in the form of a letter of claim attaching a precognition. No further action appears to have been taken following the initial letter.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**April 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED] (no-one of that name worked in Bellevue)

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1951 – 1953**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue,

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**May 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

No names supplied

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to assaults by the nuns working at the premises. Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1957 – 1964**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was intimation of a claim for damages and did not proceed, presumably on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**April 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1952 – 1960**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

**[REDACTED]**

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**April 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**No names supplied**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1932 – 1939**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

**[REDACTED] nee [REDACTED]**

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**March 2000**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister [REDACTED]**

**Sister [REDACTED]**

**Sister [REDACTED]**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

**Allegations of being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.**

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1931 – 1937/38**

**The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors.**

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

It was taken no further as no summons was received.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

██████████ **nee** ██████████

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**July 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**No names supplied**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate hygiene, and thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1945 – 1948**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue,

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**May 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

**Helen** [REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food and hygiene, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

## 1949 – 1954

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue,

vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1955 – 1958**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**June 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

NB - There is no record of a Sister [REDACTED] working in Bellevue

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

### **1949 – 1954**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and

- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

**[REDACTED]**

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**June 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** **[REDACTED]**

**Miss** **[REDACTED]**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

**Allegations of having to work in the kitchen and that Christmas cards / gifts from parents were sent back to them.**

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**July 1947 – Oct/Nov 1953**

**The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors. There is no summons.**

**The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue**

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was a letter of claim and attached precognition from Ross Harper solicitors. No summons followed.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1947 – 1954**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**April 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**No names submitted**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1957 – 1958**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Miss** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1956 – 1960**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Miss** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to acts of cruelty.  
Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food and hygiene, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1950 – 1956**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the legal aid application.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was in the form of a letter of claim attaching a precognition, and subsequently a legal aid application. No

further action appears to have been taken following the application.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**February 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

NB - There is no record of a Sister [REDACTED] working in Bellevue

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1951- 1957**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

NB - There is no record of a Sister [REDACTED] working in Bellevue

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1950 – 1956**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

██████████

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**June 2007**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** ██████████

**Miss** ██████████

Sister ██████████ worked in Bellevue from 19████-1951

Sister ██████████ worked in Bellevue from 19████-1961

It is not known which Sr ██████████ is being referred to, as no precise dates/years are given for the alleged abuse

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to acts of cruelty.  
Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food and hygiene, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1947 – 1958**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimant's letter to the Archdiocese of Glasgow, supplied by McSparran McCormick Solicitors.

The claimants have not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but have shown the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was in the form of a letter addressed to the Archdiocese of Glasgow. No further action appears to have been taken following that initial letter.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**December 1997**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**No names submitted**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Unknown – the letters on file do not specify the nature of the complaint.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**UNKNOWN**

Register shows an [REDACTED] as possible D.O.B.

[REDACTED]

In Smyllum from March– [REDACTED] July [REDACTED] aged 1yr and 2month old.

There are no records of her being in Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

No record of the complaint itself can be found. There is only the correspondence between Bradley Campbell & Co and McIntosh & Maclachlan, which suggests an intention to pursuer a claim but none was ever raised.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**August 1999**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1958 - 1959**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the Closed Record.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.
- Questionnaires were sent to surviving sisters regarding the allegations, and answers obtained.

viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

Yes – please see xi below.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

Defences were lodged denying the allegations and putting forward a defence of limitation.

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

N/A

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**January 1999**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to acts of cruelty.  
Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food and hygiene, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1951 – 1958/59**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the legal aid application.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

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- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
- Bradley Campbell & Co sent copies of all allegations and any further correspondence to the Daughters of Charity; and
- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was in the form of a letter of claim from Ross Harper, with an attached precognition, and subsequently a legal aid application. There is no record of legal aid being granted and thereafter nothing further was heard from the complainant.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**March 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1951 – 1958/59**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

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- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
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- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**January 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1951 – 1958/59**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimant's Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

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- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

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- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

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Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

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- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**March 2000**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**No names submitted**

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken

**1952 – 1960**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors, and the summons.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue.

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

- Nearly all complainants first approached Mr Cameron Fyfe of Messrs Ross Harper Solicitors;
- Ross Harper Solicitors informed the Daughters of Charity solicitor, Bradley Campbell & Co;
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- On the advice of their solicitor, the Daughters of Charity left the responsibility of dealing with the allegations in the hands of their solicitor.

viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The 'complaint' was a claim for damages and did not proceed on the basis of limitation. Once the court action concluded there was no further contact from the complainant

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No – the claim was sisted after being raised, and did not proceed due to limitation.

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.9 Specific Complaints

- i. How many specific complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the establishment/organisation? **26**

For each specific complaint, please answer the following:

- ii. Who made the complaint?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the complaint made?

**September 1998**

- iv. Against whom was the complaint made?

**Mr** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

**Sister** [REDACTED]

The following names were also given, but no Sisters of these names worked in Bellevue -  
 Sister [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED] Sister [REDACTED]

- v. What was the nature of the complaint?

Allegations of being subjected to acts of cruelty.  
 Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food and hygiene, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. When/over what period was the abuse alleged to have taken place?

**1952 -1960**

The dates shown above have been obtained from the claimants Precognition Statement, supplied by Cameron Fyfe from Ross Harper Solicitors.

The claimant has not supplied specific dates for the alleged abuse but has set out the time period that they were a resident at Bellevue

- vii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach in dealing with the complaint?

In 1997, a series of articles about homes run by religious orders, including about another establishment run by the Daughters of Charity, Smyllum Park, were published in Scottish newspapers.

Following publication of the articles an influx of complaints were received, the vast majority of which were via a solicitor, Mr Cameron Fyfe of Ross Harper Solicitors.

Claimants sought reparation via the civil courts for the effects of the abuse they referred to.

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- viii. What was the organisation/establishment's process and approach for investigating the complaint?

Please refer to the answer above in 5.9 vii

- ix. What was the outcome of the complaint following that investigation?

The complaint was in the form of a letter of claim, with attached precognition. Although the letter of claim indicated proceedings would be raised, it was taken no further.

- x. Did the organisation/establishment provide a specific response to the complaint?

No

- xi. If so, what was the form of response e.g. apology, redress, pastoral response or any other type of response?

N/A

- xii. If there was no response, why not?

Sister Zoe O'Neil, the Provincial Sister at the time, confirms that the solicitor at Messrs Bradley & Co advised her not to respond to any accusations, as he would deal directly with the complainant's solicitor.

- xiii. Was the information/content of the complaint passed to police?

There is no evidence of police involvement

- xiv. If not, why not?

Unknown.

## 5.10 Civil Actions

NB – All summonses/Records held by the organisation are attached in Appendix 3.

- i. How many civil actions have been brought against the organisation and/or establishment relating to abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment?

18

For each such civil action, please answer the following:

- ii. Who brought the action?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the action brought?

2000

- iv. Against whom was the action brought?

Sister Zoe O'Neill, Religious Superior of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul (formerly The Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul); The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul; South Lanarkshire Council

- v. What was the nature of the abuse, or alleged abuse, to which the action related?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that he was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. What were the names of the persons said to have, or alleged to have, committed abuse?

No specific persons named - reference to "nuns, carers and staff working at the premises"

- vii. When/over what period was the abuse said, or alleged, to have taken place?

1955-1958

- viii. How did the action progress?

The action was raised and subsequently sisted

- ix. What was the outcome?

The action is still in dependence, though a joint minute was signed seeking Decree of Absolvitor.

- x. Was the action settled on a conditional basis of confidentiality?

N/A

- xi. Who was/were the organisation/establishment's legal representative(s) in relation to the civil action?

Bradley Campbell & Co  
8 Brougham Street  
Greenock  
PA16 8AA

And

Simpson & Marwick  
Albany House  
58 Albany Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3QR

- xii. Did the organisation/establishment carry insurance for meeting civil claims at the time the action was live?

No

- xiii. How/where can copies of the court papers relating to the civil action be made available to the Inquiry?

Those court papers that are retained by the organisation have been attached to this Part D response as Appendix 3

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No specific persons named - reference to "nuns, carers and staff working at the premises"

- vii. When/over what period was the abuse said, or alleged, to have taken place?

1951-1959

- viii. How did the action progress?

The action was raised and subsequently sisted. The sist was recalled in 2002, and the matter reached the stage of having a Closed Record prepared.

- ix. What was the outcome?

The action is still in dependence despite a Joint Minute being sent to Drummond Miller on 13 November 2008 seeking absolvitor.

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N/A

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[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the action brought?

2000

- iv. Against whom was the action brought?

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July 1947 to November 1953

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No specific persons named - reference to "nuns, carers and staff working at the premises"

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1951 to 1959

- viii. How did the action progress?

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1932 to 1939

- viii. How did the action progress?

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1952 to 1960

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August 1956 to July 1960

- viii. How did the action progress?

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September 1949 to April 1954

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1951 to 1958

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September 1948 to 1953

- viii. How did the action progress?

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Only the front page of the summons can be found. The nature of the alleged abuse can be found at 5.9 above

- vi. What were the names of the persons said to have, or alleged to have, committed abuse?

Only the front page of the summons can be found. No specific persons named in the letter of claim or attached precognition (see 5.9 above)

- vii. When/over what period was the abuse said, or alleged, to have taken place?

1958 to 1960 (information taken from his precognition as only the front page of the summons can be found)

viii. How did the action progress?

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1951 to 1957

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- xii. Did the organisation/establishment carry insurance for meeting civil claims at the time the action was live?

No

- xiii. How/where can copies of the court papers relating to the civil action be made available to the Inquiry?

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## 5.10 Civil Actions

- i. How many civil actions have been brought against the organisation and/or establishment relating to abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment?

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For each such civil action, please answer the following:

- ii. Who brought the action?

[REDACTED]

- iii. When was the action brought?

2000

- iv. Against whom was the action brought?

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- v. What was the nature of the abuse, or alleged abuse, to which the action related?

Allegations of regularly being subjected to assaults, by the nuns, carers and staff working at the premises. Alleged that she was not provided with adequate food, hygiene and medical care, thus alleged to have been neglected.

- vi. What were the names of the persons said to have, or alleged to have, committed abuse?

No specific persons named - reference to "nuns, carers and staff working at the premises"

- vii. When/over what period was the abuse said, or alleged, to have taken place?

1952 to 1960

- viii. How did the action progress?

The action was raised and subsequently sisted. Following the judgment by Lord Glennie in the [REDACTED] case in relation to Smyllum Park, the pursuer's solicitors entered into a joint minute to discontinue the claim.

- ix. What was the outcome?

The action is still in dependence despite a Joint Minute seeking absolvitor being signed. The Pursuer's solicitors withdrew from acting but it is unknown if Form 30.2 was served.

- x. Was the action settled on a conditional basis of confidentiality?

N/A

- xi. Who was/were the organisation/establishment's legal representative(s) in relation to the civil action?

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No specific persons named - reference to "nuns, carers and staff working at the premises"

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1957 to 1958

- viii. How did the action progress?

The action was raised and subsequently sisted without defences having been lodged. Following the judgment by Lord Glennie in the [REDACTED] case, wherein the claim was held to be time barred in terms of the Prescription & Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973 the pursuer's solicitors entered into a joint minute to discontinue the claim.

- ix. What was the outcome?

Decree of absolvitor was granted

- x. Was the action settled on a conditional basis of confidentiality?

N/A

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### 5.11 Criminal Injuries Compensation Awards

- i. Has any criminal injuries compensation been awarded in respect of abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment?

No criminal injuries compensation has been awarded in respect of abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment

- ii. If so, please provide details if known.

N/A

### 5.12 Police

- i. How many complaints of abuse of children cared for at the establishment have been made to the police?

The Daughters of Charity are not aware of any complaints made to the police.

In relation to each known complaint to the police, please answer the following questions:

- ii. Who was the alleged abuser? N/A
- iii. Did the police conduct an investigation in relation to the complaint? N/A
- iv. If so, who conducted the investigation and when? N/A

- v. What was the outcome of the police investigation? N/A
- vi. What was the organisation/establishment's response? N/A

### 5.13 Crown

- i. To what extent has the Crown raised proceedings in respect of allegations of abuse of children cared for at the establishment?

The Crown have not raised any proceedings in respect of allegation of abuse of children cared for at the establishment

In relation to each time the Crown has raised proceedings, please answer the following questions:

- ii. What is the name of the person(s) against whom the proceedings were raised? N/A
- iii. What was the nature of the charges? N/A
- iv. What was the outcome of the proceedings, including disposal/sentence if there was a conviction? N/A
- v. What was the organisation/establishment's response to the proceedings and outcome? N/A