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APPENDIX - Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

Part D — Abuse and Response (Updated 29 October 20) (Updated February 2021)

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?

Sexual abuse, emotional abuse, inappropriate relationships, and inappropriate touching.

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?

Based on the records available to us we are only aware of the allegations prior to December 2014 detailed at 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

- ii. What is the basis of that assessment?

The MOD and QVS records available to us.

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

Based on the records available to us we are only aware of allegations prior to December 2014 made against three members of staff, detailed at 5.8 below

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

None that we are aware of prior to December 2014.

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

None that we are aware of prior to December 2014.

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

Teaching staff.

- 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?

It did not, so far as we are aware.

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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?

It did not, so far as we are aware.

ix. Have there been allegations of peer abuse?

Yes.

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?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

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

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

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

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

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

None, based on the records available to us.

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, based on the records available to us.

ii. For each such external inspection please answer the following:

N/A.

iii. Who conducted the inspection?

N/A.

iv. Why was the inspection conducted?

N/A.

v. When was the inspection conducted?

N/A.

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vi. What was the outcome of the inspection in respect of any issues relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children?

N/A.

vii. What was the organisation/establishment's response to the inspection and its outcome?

N/A.

viii. Were recommendations made following the inspection?

N/A.

ix. If so, what were the recommendations and were they implemented?

N/A.

x. 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?

[See 5.9 and 5.12 below.](#)

For each such external investigation please answer the following:

ii. Who conducted the investigation?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

iii. Why was the investigation conducted?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

iv. When was the investigation conducted?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

v. What was the outcome of the investigation in respect of any issues relating to abuse or alleged abuse of children?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

vi. What was the organisation/establishment's response to the investigation and its outcome?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

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vii. Were recommendations made following the investigation?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

viii. If so, what were the recommendations and were they implemented?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

ix. If recommendations were not implemented, why not?

See 5.8, 5.9 and 5.12 below.

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?

To support fully any such inspections/investigations; to consider carefully any findings and/or recommendations; and to implement promptly and effectively any actions/changes required.

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

As above.

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

As above.

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?

We have no records that provide such information.

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

N/A.

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?

We have no records that provide such information.

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

N/A.

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5.8 Known and Alleged Abusers at Establishment

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

Yes, based on the records available to us.

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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.

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

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

Based on the records available to us [we have listed the specific complaints in table 5.9 below.](#)

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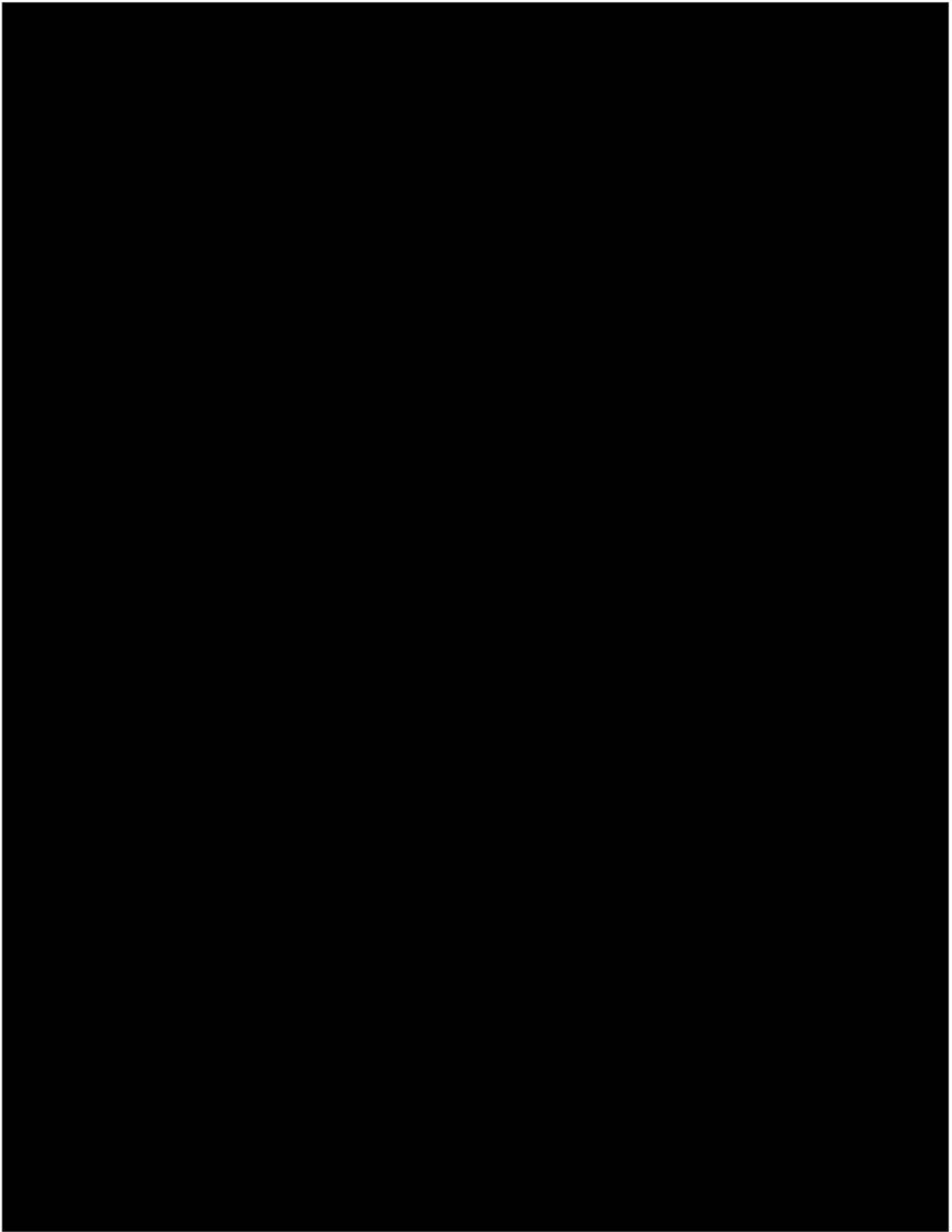
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5.11 Criminal Injuries Compensation Awards

- i. Has any criminal injuries compensation been awarded in respect of abuse, or alleged abuse, of children cared for at the establishment?

We understand that an award was made in the case of CVH [REDACTED] (see 5.10), but we have seen no confirmation of this.

- 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?

As far as we are aware prior to December 2014 only one complaint has been made directly to the police, although other complaints had some form of police involvement (see 5.9 for details).

In relation to each known complaint to the police, please answer the following questions:

- ii. Who was the alleged abuser or abuser?

Robert Ben Philip (Housemaster)

- iii. Did the police conduct an investigation in relation to the complaint?

Yes.

- iv. If so, who conducted the investigation and when?

Police Scotland, in 2016.

- v. What was the outcome of the police investigation?

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It is understood that Police Scotland have not proceeded with the case due to lack of evidence. The allegation was of 'inappropriate touching' occurring in 1977-79, and the alleged perpetrator died in 1993.

- vi. What was the organisation/establishment's response?

None required. No evidence found by police of any abuse, and the alleged perpetrator had died.

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?

None that we are aware of.

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.