

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

FHN

Support person present: Yes

1. My name is FHN My maiden name was FHN This was the surname that I was known by when I was in care. My date of birth is 1951. My contact details are known to the Inquiry.

Life before going into care

2. My earliest memory is living in Barrhead, which is just outside of Glasgow. I lived with my mother, father and brother. My mother was called and my father was My brother, is two years older than me. At that time the family name was My parents had a very volatile relationship. There was a lot of drinking and violence. When I was six my mother and father split up. Myself and went with my mother. After this me and my brother became transient. We went from school to school. It was that bad I can't remember one person that I went to school with.
3. We were moving all around the Glasgow area. At that time I didn't have any contact with my father. The social work had been involved with my mother but not with us as a family.
4. My mother didn't keep well and couldn't cope with looking after us on her own. She ended up having a mental breakdown and was admitted to hospital. The day after my tenth birthday me and my brother were put into care. This was at Quarriers in Bridge of Weir. There had been no talk of us going there before that.

5. My mother took me and my brother on the bus to Quarriers. We thought it was just a bus trip.

Quarriers, Bridge of Weir

6. When we first arrived at Quarriers the place looked lovely. It was all old Victorian buildings. I wasn't scared or anything like that although I never knew at that time I would be staying there. Me and my brother were taken for a medical at the hospital building. When we came out of there my mother was gone. Nobody had explained anything to us. It was so confusing. The nurse said to us that this was our new home. I found this very traumatic to suddenly be told this.

Routine at Quarriers, Bridge of Weir

First day

7. The only possession that I had with me was a book. This was about the Queen's coronation. It had lots of black and white photographs in it. I used to pretend that I was Princess Anne. I also had a couple of photographs in the book from my time at primary school. I loved the book and I had it with me everywhere that I went.
8. The nurse took us to the drapery and we were provided with some clothing. I felt that I was being spoiled.
9. After this me and my brother were taken to the cottage where we were going to stay. The house parents, QDC/QDD [REDACTED] introduced us to the other children. I think there were about sixteen children in the cottage. It was boys and girls. The ages were from very young up to about fourteen. At this time I didn't know that there were lots of other similar cottages. I found out later that we were in cottage 24.

10. At first I was thinking that it might be okay at the cottage. This changed almost immediately when Mr [REDACTED] started to tell us what jobs we were to do. My job was to bring the milk urn in from outside and put it into the kitchen. The other job I was given was to polish all the brasses. My brother was told that he had to get up at five every morning. His job was to blacken the stove in the kitchen. After this he had to make the house parents their breakfast and take it to them. We were told that if we didn't do these jobs right then we would be punished. Mr [REDACTED] never said at this time what these punishments would be. What he did say was that you would be severely punished if any milk was spilt or if there was any brasso on the sandstone.
11. I don't remember there being any other staff who worked at the cottage. Hector Munro was in overall charge of the home. He had his own house in the grounds.
12. The cottage had two floors. There was two dormitories upstairs. The playroom and the bathrooms were downstairs. It was only baths. There wasn't any showers in the cottage. There was also a dining room on the ground floor. Each table had four seats. We were told which seats were ours and we had to sit there for every meal. My brother was at a different table from me.
13. The boys were on one side of the dormitory and the girls were on the other side. My bed was closest to the door of the shared dormitory. All the children's clothes were in the one room. Your name was sewn into your clothing so this identified what was yours.
14. For the rest of this first day I just played in the playroom with the other children.
15. The first time that I was at Quarriers I was there for one year and five months. During this time [REDACTED] were replaced as house parents by [REDACTED] I don't know exactly when this happened.

Mornings and bedtime

16. The time you got up depended on what chores you had to do. I can't remember what time I got up. I remember that I had to make my bed a certain way. The sheets were folded at the bottom of the bed and you placed your dressing gown across the bottom of the sheets. The belt from your dressing gown had to be tied through the iron bed frame and looped through the bottom of the bed rail. If it wasn't done right then this would be another punishment. It might be a slap from Mr QDC or a privilege would be taken away. I did my jobs then I had a wash and got ready to go for breakfast.
17. After breakfast I had to take the bed wetter's sheets to the laundry building. This job started the first morning I was there. I met another girl at the laundry. She was from a different cottage. I don't remember her name. I started to realise that there were more buildings, where other children were staying, than I first thought.
18. The girl I had spoken to at the laundry later died. I was told it was an asthma attack. I don't remember who told me this.
19. Each night we went to bed about 8:00 pm. Mr QDC would come in and make sure you were in bed. There was no time for reading. If you weren't in bed you would be punished by Mr QDC with a slap on the hands or leg.

Weekends

20. At the weekends I still had my chores to do. There was a bit of freedom in that you could do what you wanted within the grounds. You weren't allowed to leave the grounds of the home on your own.

Mealtimes/Food

21. It would normally be porridge for breakfast. It was the same every day.

22. Most of the meals would be things that went far. This might be potatoes or cabbage.
23. After each meal some of the children had their own jobs to clear the plates and wash the dishes. We were not allowed to talk at the table. If you tried even in a whisper the only voice you would hear would be Mr. QDC yelling out in a booming voice, "Silence".
24. If you didn't eat your meals it would be there for you at the next meal time. This happened to me. I also saw this happening to some of the other children as well.

Washing/bathing

25. I can't remember there being a set day or time for a bath. There were two baths. One for the boys and one for the girls. Both the baths were in the same room. The boys could see you being bathed and you could see them. There was no separation between the two baths. You would have a bath in order of age. It was the youngest first up to the oldest who was last. Everyone used the same bath water. You had your own towel with your name on it.

Leisure time

26. There was a bit of time to yourself after school. It depended on what chores you had to do. At first I didn't really mix with the other children. I think I was still in a state of confusion. I thought my mother would be coming to get us. I couldn't understand why she had put us there.

Trips and holidays

27. The local hackney taxi drivers would come to the home in the summer. They would take us for a day trip to the beach. This was a great day out.
28. Myself and my brother also went to a family home for the weekend. They were a lovely family. They stayed in a big cottage. I don't remember their names.

School

29. The school was within the grounds of the home. I was in a different class from my brother. It was a mixed class, all the same age.
30. The education at school was okay. The teachers were from outside the home and were employed by the education department.

Healthcare

31. The home had its own hospital within the grounds. I had to go there once as I had bit my finger nails right back and they were bleeding.
32. I don't remember getting any immunisation injections. I know that some of the other kids had to have these.

Religious instruction

33. Every Sunday you would have to go to church. The church was quite close to my cottage. The children from each cottage marched together to the church.
34. There was a separate place where epileptic children stayed within the grounds. They would also go to church on a Sunday. All of a sudden you would hear a thud. This would be one of them having a fit. It was scary for them but also scary for us. We didn't understand what was happening to them.

Birthdays and Christmas

35. There was no acknowledgement of your birthday at the home. It was never celebrated.

36. At Christmas we had a decorated tree in the cottage. You were given a card with a choice of three things to pick from as a present. On Christmas day it was just a normal meal. You weren't given anything fancy to eat.

Sibling

37. I would see a lot of my brother. Later on, after things had happened to me at Quarriers I never told my brother about it.

Family contact

38. The first Saturday of each month was a visitors day. You just had to wait in the playroom at the cottage to see if anyone came. For the first few months no one visited us. After this my mother visited a few times. I never really got the opportunity to ask her why we were at the home and how long we would be there.
39. One Christmas Day my father visited us. It was very special to see him. The last time I saw him was when I was six. He had been trying to find out where me and my brother were. This visit was when Mr QDC was still there. My father had parcels for both of us. I was given a book and pyjamas. Mr QDC took the parcels from us and kept them for himself. I managed to keep the book.
40. My father visited came to see us on a few other occasions after this first visit. He also started paying ten shillings per week to Quarriers. This was for my keep.

Bed Wetting

41. There were some of the children who would wet the bed. If someone wet the bed they might have to sleep on the floor until the morning. The other children would sometimes taunt the kids who had wet their bed. Mr QDC would smack a bed wetter as a punishment.

Abuse at Quarriers

Mr [REDACTED]

42. I thought that my bed was closest to the door of the dormitory because I was new. The first night I was at Quarriers I was woken by a torch light. It was Mr [REDACTED]. He approached my bed. I was pretending to be asleep. I felt his hands going under my bed clothes then into my pyjamas. I didn't know what was happening. I was very confused. As young as I was I knew it was wrong even though I didn't know why. After this he walked towards the other girls beds. I don't know what he did to them, if anything. This happened to me about four or five times over the next six weeks. Because of what was happening to me I decided to run away.
43. Myself and two of the other girls ran away. We went to Bridge of Weir. It was too cold so we decided to go back to the home. When we arrived back at the cottage Mr [REDACTED] was waiting at the bottom of the stairs. He motioned for me to go with him. Myself and Mr [REDACTED] went into the clothes room. Mr [REDACTED] then started to hit me with his belt. It was a brown leather faws style belt, like a teacher's belt. He was hitting me everywhere. Sometimes the belt would hit my bare arms other times it was over my clothing. I thought that he was going to kill me. I was determined not to cry and I think this made him worse. I believe that the only reason he stopped was because he was so tired. I was the only one to be punished for running away. This was because it had been my idea to do it.
44. I went straight to bed after the beating. When I woke up in the morning all of my pyjamas and underwear were at the bottom of my bed. I don't remember Mr [REDACTED] being in my room during the night but I thought that he must have been.
45. I didn't tell anyone what had happened to me. I never went to have any of my injuries treated at the hospital.
46. When my mother visited the following Saturday I showed her the marks on my body. She asked what I had done to get hit. When I told her I had ran away she said I must

have deserved it. I had thought she would have went to the office when she seen the marks on my body. I was very disappointed.

47. I had a safe place on the grass opposite Hector Munro's house. I used to go there after Mr QDC had done things to me. I wondered what would have happened if I told Mr Munro what had been happening to me. Even though I liked Hector I never did say anything to him. I don't think I could find the right words to say to him. In any case he might not have believed me.
48. At the time Mr QDC was at Quarriers I think he was aged about late fifties or early sixties.
49. One day I did something wrong. I can't remember what this was. It wouldn't have had to be much to get into trouble with Mr QDC Mr QDC said to me that he wanted my coronation book that my mother had gave me. This was worse than anything else that happened to me at the home. The book was so precious to me. I never saw the book again. All the photographs from primary school were kept within that book.

QHK

50. During the time Mr QDC was in charge of me [REDACTED] needed to be repaired. There was QHK who worked in the home so I went to see him. He had his own workshop next to where the fire station used to be. QHK picked me up and sat me on top of a work desk. He had a look [REDACTED] then the next thing his hand went up my dress. He put his hand inside my pants and touched me. After this he just said to come back the next week and [REDACTED] would be repaired.
51. When I went back for [REDACTED] QHK did exactly the same thing to me again.
52. I would say that QHK was older than Mr QDC I don't know his name.

Mr QJF

53. When we heard Mr QDC was leaving all of us kids were just ecstatic. There was so much excitement. When the new house parents, QJF-RBG arrived we were all at the bottom of the stairs of the cottage to greet them. Mr QJF was a very tall man. He had a pencil thin moustache and black hair. I think that he was in his forties.
54. When they arrived Mrs RBG went through to the sitting room. Mr QJF asked if anyone would like a piggy back. I was thinking this was unbelievable. Someone wanted to have fun with us. Everyone was putting their hands up including myself. I was picked. Mr QJF stood on the second or third stair. He asked me to hop on his back. I put my arms around his neck. He put his hands around my legs and held them in place. Almost immediately he put his hands inside my pants and his finger in my vagina. I tried to jump back off him but I couldn't. He was holding me in place with his arms. I didn't know what was going on. It was so painful and I was shocked. He eventually let me go and said there was no more piggy backs. All the other children were still there. They couldn't see what he was doing to me because of his body position on the stairs.
55. Mr QJF would take me into the kitchen. There was a big cupboard in the kitchen. Something seemed to warn me not to go in there. He would start kissing me and stick his tongue down my throat. That was all that happened at the cupboard. It happened about six times. I prayed to God that somebody would look through the window to see what he was doing but nobody ever did.
56. Mr QJF told me that I was to move dormitories. He took my bed from the dormitory and put it in the baby's room underneath the window. There was about three or four cots in this room. I just thought that he had put me in there to look after the babies. After this Mr QJF would get my attention and sort of nod for me to go to my room. He would follow me there and lie on the bed with me. He would put his fingers inside my vagina. He did this quite a lot. Mr QJF never spoke when he

was doing this. I could smell the Brylcreem on his hair. I never felt that I could refuse to go to the room when he wanted me to go there.

57. I don't know if Mr **QJF** was doing the same thing to any of the other children.
58. After Mr **QJF** did these things to me I would go to my safe space near Hector Munro's house.
59. At bath time Mr **QJF** supervised the girls and Mrs **RBG** supervised the boys. Due to my age, I was around ten or eleven, I was usually one of the last to go in the bath. Mr **QJF** would pretend he had lost the soap in the bath. He would then sexually assault me the same as he had before in the kitchen and baby's room. After the first time I knew what was going to happen to me at bath time. I was very frightened when I was waiting in line. Although it didn't happen every time I went for a bath I still had the worry of not knowing if it was going to happen or not.
60. Mr **QJF** was never physically cruel to me. It was always sexual with him.

Other information

61. I don't think that Mrs **QDD** was aware of what Mr **QDC** was like with the children and in particular what he did to me. In relation to Mrs **RBG** I think that she did know what Mr **QJF** was doing. This is because my brother said to me once that Mrs **RBG** was handy with the soap when she was bathing the boys. He didn't say anymore. I am just thinking about what happened to me and how it was similar.

Leaving Quarriers

62. There was a couple, Mr and Mrs **FGU-SPO** who lived in **██████████** who we had apparently stayed with at some point during our time at Quarriers. I couldn't recall this at the time. My mother asked this couple if they would take me and my brother in on a permanent basis.

63. We were told by someone at Quarriers that we were going to stay with Mr and Mrs [FGU-SPO]. I don't know who it was that told us this. I don't remember how we got to the [FGU-SPO]. I was still at primary school age. I think I was about eleven.

The [FGU-SPO] foster care, [REDACTED] Glasgow

64. My first recollection of the [FGU-SPO] was that again there was a lot of rules. Mrs [FGU] told us what the rules were. I can't remember them all now. The [FGU-SPO] were also very religious. Mrs [FGU] was Anglican and I think that Mr [REDACTED] did missionary work.
65. At first the [FGU-SPO] were okay. Mr [REDACTED] was lovely. I liked him.
66. I was still under the care of Quarriers. I think that it was an extended placement with the [FGU-SPO]. They were being paid by Quarriers to look after us.
67. It was a five apartment flat. I had a room of my own with a single bed. I don't remember where my brother stayed.
68. The [FGU-SPO] had two lodgers who also stayed with them. One of them was an old auntie. The other was a man called [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was a lovely man with beautiful manners. He would take me and my brother out for the day.

Routine

69. In the morning Mrs [FGU] would wake me up. She would have our breakfast ready before we went to school.
70. There were no issues with the food or mealtimes.

71. At night there was a set time to go to bed. I couldn't read. It was lights out as soon as you were in bed.
72. There was no chores for us to do at the foster home.

Visits

73. I have found out from my records that Bill Dunbar from Quarriers visited us at the foster home for welfare checks.
74. I remember one of the visits that Bill Dunbar made. He was speaking to Mrs FGU [REDACTED]. He never asked me and my brother how we were or how we were getting on.

Social work

75. A social worker, Mrs Ballantyne, was appointed to me and my brother. She was very nice. Mrs Ballantyne would visit and ask us how we were doing. She knew that I was missing my mum and I just wanted to be back with her.
76. Around this time I was approaching puberty. Mrs Ballantyne told Mrs FGU [REDACTED] that she would have to speak to me about this and prepare me for it. Mrs FGU [REDACTED] refused point blank to help me. She wouldn't talk about it.
77. Mrs FGU [REDACTED] asked Mrs Ballantyne if she would speak to me about my development as a woman. The next week Mrs Ballantyne came to the FGU-SPO [REDACTED] and had a chat with me. I felt that this was someone taking an interest in me.

Schooling

78. Primary school was okay. I was passing the exams that I had to sit. I would also be encouraged to do my homework.

79. When it was time for me to leave primary school there was what was called a formal. My mum visited me and gave me a petticoat. She said that it would make my dress stick out nicely. Mrs FGU grabbed it from me and said I wouldn't be wearing it.
80. Mrs FGU took me out and bought me an outfit for my formal. She bought me brogue shoes and a jaggy tartan dress. When I went to the formal all the other girls had pretty dresses on. I was so embarrassed I asked a teacher if I could work in the canteen. I didn't want anyone to see me. This was not a nice memory.

Leisure time

81. On a Sunday we weren't allowed to play as it was the Sabbath. After church we could go to the art gallery if we asked permission.

Birthdays/Christmas

82. I don't remember my birthday being celebrated or anything special happening at Christmas when I was at the FGU-SPO

Bed wetting

83. I wet the bed a couple of times. Mrs FGU had a real issue with this and couldn't deal with it. I wasn't punished for wetting the bed.
84. Quarriers told Mrs FGU to take me to the doctors about my bed wetting. The doctor said that it was probably a bit of incontinence as it didn't happen all the time. Mrs FGU was saying to the doctor that it did happen all the time even though this wasn't true.

Abuse

85. Mrs FGU had an adopted daughter called [REDACTED]. She was married to [REDACTED]. I would go and visit them. I liked them. [REDACTED] had a baby. I would go there and take the baby for a walk.
86. One day when I visited them a friend of [REDACTED]'s was there. They told him who I was and I sat next on him on the settee. He put his arm around my back and put his hand in the false pocket of my school dress. He touched me under my underwear. I was so confused. I was thinking, "Is this what happens". I started to think is this the way that men show love by touching me. I don't think [REDACTED] was aware of what he was doing. After this happened to me I never went back to visit [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Leaving foster care

87. I was at the FGU-SPO for about nine months. I was there from [REDACTED] 1962 until [REDACTED] 1963.
88. Mrs FGU apparently couldn't cope with me. The first I knew I would be going back to Quarriers was when my bag was packed. My brother was staying and this made me sad. The FGU-SPO were getting another boy from Quarriers to replace me.
89. I thought that I would be going back to a different cottage. This turned out not to be the case. I went back to the same cottage.

Quarriers, Bridge of Weir (second occasion)

90. When I arrived back at Quarriers Mr QJF was waiting for me at the door of the cottage. My bed was still in the baby's room. Mr QJF told me I would be sleeping in the same bed.

Routine at Quarriers (second occasion)

91. Everything was just the same. I had the same job to do, bringing the milk urn in from outside every morning. I was even sitting in the same chair in the dining room. It was mostly the same children as before in the cottage. The only thing that was different was that my brother was no longer with me. I really missed him.

Mealtimes/Food

92. There was a young boy called [REDACTED] who no one would sit next to at mealtimes. This was because he had really bad ears. There would be liquid running out them and they smelled really bad. I felt sorry for [REDACTED] and would sit next to him.
93. Mrs [RBG] was a really good cook. She would let the kids help in the kitchen and stir the custard.

School

94. The schooling was the same as before but I was in a higher class because I was older now.

Family contact

95. My mother still came to visit me at the home. I never knew at this time that my mum had been speaking with Quarriers to try and get me back.
96. I know from my records that someone from Quarriers visited my mother's flat where she was now staying. They questioned her as to how she could afford to have the flat the way it was whilst she was on benefits. I later found out from my records that they had even contacted the police to ask if she was a prostitute. When I read this it really hurt me that they would think this. The truth was that my mother had met another man. His wife had died and he was struggling to cope on his own looking

after his two children. This was where my mother was getting the extra money and able to afford the things she had in the house.

97. My mother told me when I was older that she had advised her new partner to put his children into Quarriers. Myself and my brother were still at the FGU-SPO when she started this relationship. When I was back with my mother the two children came to stay with us for a weekend. This was the first I knew of them.

Abuse at Quarriers (second occasion)

98. Mr QJF would still do the same things to me as he had done when I was previously at the home. He would come into my room at night and touch me. He would also touch me the same way as before when I was in the bath. I think that this probably happened about four times over the two months I was at Quarriers the second time.
99. I still felt that I could not speak to anyone. I would go to the same safe place, opposite Hector's office, as I had done before.

Leaving Quarriers (second occasion)

100. The second time that I was in Quarriers I was only there for around two months. I was twelve years old when I left. My mum had told me on a visit that she was trying to get the flat ready for me to go and stay with her.
101. I was given about a month's notice that I would be leaving Quarriers. The night before I left I was told I would be going to my mothers the next day. I don't remember who it was that told me this.
102. When I left I just had the clothes I was wearing. I wasn't allowed to take anything else.

Life after being in care

103. My mums flat was in [REDACTED]. This was an area of the Gorbals in Glasgow. She was living there with her new partner. My brother was still with the [REDACTED] FGU-SPO [REDACTED]. He stayed with them until he was a lot older.
104. I went to a new school. This was [REDACTED], which was a Roman Catholic school. My mum was a Catholic. I had to change my religion. Again this was a big change for me. The religious education at the school was completely different to what I had been used to. I did well at school.
105. Things at home were different. I would go to school and my mum was still in bed. I had no clean clothes and had no breakfast. When I got home my mum would still be in bed.
106. Quarriers made a couple of visits to my mums when I was back there. My mum would know when these visits were happening and would have everything ready for them coming. She was clever that way. No one from Quarriers ever asked me how I was.
107. I think that if it hadn't been for the abuse I would have been happier to have stayed at Quarriers.
108. There was no contact with Mrs Ballantyne from the social work. This had been the case since I left the [REDACTED] FGU-SPO [REDACTED].
109. I think that because of how things were at home I eventually lost interest at school. I left school when I was fifteen. I didn't have any qualifications.
110. I got an office job at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow.
111. Not long after I started working I went to a house party. Three boys at the party were stabbed by another boy. I ended up as a witness. The boy who did it, [REDACTED] went to

jail for seven years. Not long after this [REDACTED]'s friend asked me to a party at his house. I was gullible and went along. When I arrived there was no one there. The boy ended up raping me and whispered in my ear, "This is for [REDACTED]".

112. I never told anyone what happened to me.
113. I ended up falling pregnant because of being raped. When my son was born I had to look after him for three weeks at a convent in Bishopton. He was then taken from me for adoption. I ended up spending the next forty two years looking for him.
114. I started to work again at a factory putting cardboard boxes together.
115. I met my first husband and eventually moved to Australia in 1974. By this time I had a daughter.
116. Things didn't work out with my first marriage. I married again and had another daughter and a son.
117. I was such an angry person that I struggled with relationships. It was almost instant when it came across me. I didn't know at the time why I was like this.
118. I had various jobs in Australia. These were mainly in retail and factory industries. I had to stop working after I injured my back.
119. Six years ago in 2013, I went back to visit Quarriers, my first visit since leaving there in 1963. Because the windows at the front of the cottage had newspaper on them I couldn't see inside. I went back to Quarriers in 2016 and the newspapers were removed from the windows. I managed to peer inside of the window and I could see down the hallway, the staircase and doors leading into the kitchen and playroom. It was like stepping back in time as nothing much had changed.

120. Looking back now I am glad I did go back. I think it has helped me to address things a bit.
121. Four years ago, in 2015, my son who I had been forced to give up actually found me. He phoned me out of the blue. He said that he was [REDACTED] but I would know him as [REDACTED]. That was the name I knew my son by. He came to Australia and met all my family.

Impact

122. The abuse I suffered left me angry at so many people. I am angry that I couldn't tell anyone. I am also angry at my mother because I couldn't confide in her. There were so many people who got away with abusing me.
123. I have trust issues. I think a lot of this can be attributed to when I was in care. I don't let people get too close to me.

Reporting of Abuse

124. I have taken part in the 'Time to be Heard' programme. I'm not sure how I found out about it. At that time I was on my own and I couldn't really speak about what I had been through. At the end of this process Tom Shaw, who was overseeing it, asked if I would like him to contact the police in Scotland on my behalf, which I agreed to.
125. In 2011 DC James McCabe from Police Scotland contacted me. He told me that he couldn't find any trace of the people who had abused me at Quarriers. I was a bit disheartened by this. I felt that I should have reported it earlier. I think now that with hindsight I was not ready to speak about things before I did.

Records

126. I have requested my records from Quarriers. I wanted my medical records as well but these never came. The records had comments about my time in care. All they really said was why my mother had put me in care and what had been wrong with her. There were no entries from Mr QDC or Mr QJF about my time in the cottage. The person I contacted at Quarriers for my records was a woman called Josie Bell.
127. I would say that the records have helped me a bit. Mrs FGU had entries as well. She wrote a lot of words without really saying very much.

Lessons to be learned

128. When I was at Quarriers all that mattered to be employed by them was that you liked kids and were a Christian. There weren't any other checks carried out.
129. It is different now that checks need to be done. Any person working with kids has to be fully vetted.

Other information

Civil action

130. I have never thought about or considered taking civil action against Quarriers.

Counselling

131. When I was back visiting Quarriers in 2013, I met a man called LWR. He was a Quarriers' boy and he had also been in cottage 24 when it was an all-boys cottage. LWR left Cottage 24, 2 years prior to me going there. If it wasn't for LWR I wouldn't know anything that was going on in Scotland. He guided me to Future

Pathways who have helped me so much especially with the counselling I started and I am still having to this day.

- 132. I did have a lot of counselling before speaking with Future Pathways. I have suffered from depression for a long time. I have been in hospital because of this.
- 133. I have also been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Hopes for the Inquiry

- 134. I hope that the Inquiry will learn from what has happened to ensure things like that don't happen again. I would also like Quarriers to put their hands up and accept what happened to me did happen.
- 135. I have no objection to my witness statement being published as part of the evidence to the Inquiry. I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

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Signed..

Dated

11th September 2019