

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

Witness Statement of

[REDACTED]

1. My name is [REDACTED] and I am currently a statement taker for the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.
2. I first met with ^{ESV}[REDACTED] on 17 January 2022 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow, alongside [REDACTED] statement taker and [REDACTED] witness support officer, in order to take his evidence on behalf of the Inquiry. Present at the first session was his support worker, Sarah Murphy. The team then met with Mr ^{ESV}[REDACTED] on two subsequent dates, 18 January 2022 and 22 February 2022, on both those occasions he was unaccompanied.
3. In accordance with the statement taking team's training and normal practice, in order to elicit the evidence from Mr ^{ESV}[REDACTED], he was asked open questions and leading questions were avoided.
4. During the three sessions, the evidence given by ^{ESV}[REDACTED] was recorded for the purposes of drafting an accurate statement for the Inquiry.
5. I thereafter drafted the statement for ^{ESV}[REDACTED] based on the recordings to accurately reflect what was said at the sessions.
6. On 11 April 2022, the Inquiry was informed by Sarah Murphy, Mr ^{ESV}[REDACTED]'s support worker, that Mr ^{ESV}[REDACTED] had been found deceased on [REDACTED] 2022.

- 7. I have read the draft statement and it is an accurate reflection of the evidence given by Mr ^{ESV} [REDACTED] during his private sessions.

Signed.....
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Dated..... 22 April 2024